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After six hours of talks, the handshake of co-operation

Outrages give Anglo-Irish deal new hope

By Philip Webster, Chief Political Correspondent

The British and Irish governments decided last night to give a fresh impetus to joint efforts to tackle terrorism following the recent outrages in Northern Ireland.

After six hours of talks between British and Irish ministers and police chiefs from the north and south of Ireland, the Anglo-Irish agreement appeared last night to be back on the rails after a difficult period.

Relations have been strained by the Stalker affair, the Gibraltar shootings and the outcome of the Birmingham public house bombings appeal.

At a meeting in which both governments were said to have been united in their revulsion at last week's horrific events there was agreement to launch a new effort by the two police forces.

The effort will include tracking down arms shipments which have been brought into both countries for use by terrorists, drawing up a special programme to improve relations between the security forces and the community in Northern Ireland.

It seemed that the hitches over the agreement for extraditing terrorists from the republic were close to being solved.

Two men are to be charged in connection with the murders of the two soldiers beaten and shot dead at the IRA funeral in Belfast. It is understood they will appear before a magistrate in the city today.

The two menare from Belfast and were arrested soon after the killings when a black London-type taxi was stopped by police and troops in Andersonstown. Detectives are interrogating a third man.

Mr Tom King, the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, speaking at a press conference after the talks at the Northern Ireland Office in London, said that it had been a "very worthwhile day."

He added: "There is no question but that it has given a new impetus to our work."

Mr Gerry Collins, the Irish Minister of Justice, said there had been goodwill on both sides and a determination to ensure that the agreement worked "irrespective of the difficulties that are there to be overcome".

Mr Collins said his mood was confident and "very much determined" to ensure that the agreement worked because there was no other option.

At the same time Mr King confirmed he is hoping to launch a new constitutional initiative among the political parties in Northern Ireland aimed at bringing measure of power-sharing devolved government to the province.

Yesterday's talks were attended by Mr Brian Lenihan, the Irish Minister of Foreign Affairs, Mr Collins , Mr King, Mr John Stanley, Minister of State for Northern Ireland, Mr Eamonn Docherty, the commissioner of the Garda, and the Sir John Hermon, chief constable of the RUC.

The Irish side emphasized its concerns over the Stalker report and called for the policing arrangements at Ulster funerals and other public occasions, currently being reviewed in the wake of last weekend's atrocity, to be handled in a "sensitive manner."

The Irish made plain their belief that the province's problems cannot be solved by security measures alone and pressed for measures to build confidence in the administration of justice.

But both sides were voicing guarded optimism after the talks. It was the first full meeting of the inter-governmental conference since last October, and perhaps the most significant pointer to the readiness to heal recent wounds was the agreement to hold a further series of meetings beginning shortly after Easter.

Mr King said: "We have faced a number of problems in recent months, a number of difficulties, that have caused problems for the relationship between our countries under the agreement.

"I am absolutely clear of our common determination to make a success of the agreement to the benefit of all our peoples and tp give a new impetus the work and objectives of the agreement.

On the Irish request for sensitivity over the policing of funerals, Mr King said: "I think that view is widely shared." But he added: "The Chief Constable will ensure that the law is upheld".

Mr King confirmed that he would be meeting representatives of the Social Democratic and Labour Party next Tuesday as part of his efforts to restore dialogue

Speaking afterwards at the Irish Embassy in London, Mr Lenihan said that the British Government definitely recognized that it would be essential to bring in basic reforms if Northern Ireland was not to disintegrate into anarchy.

Immediately after Easter there would be a further round of meetings to reach agreement on further security initiatives along with economic social judicial and police reforms.

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Mr Tom King greeting Mr Brian Lenihan at the start of the talks in London yesterday.

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Benn opens leadership fight with Tory strategy as model

By Sheila Gunn, Political Staff, Chesterfield

Mr Tony Benn launched his campaign to change the course of the Labour Party last night by calling on supporters to fight for "our people" with the same single-minded determination as the Conservatives.

Without resorting to personal abuse of Mr Neil Kinnock, he nevertheless implied that his leadership had contributed to the present stalemate in British politics.

Mr Benn's alternative strategy for the party, aimed at rekindling the socialist flame, relied on his oft-repeated attacks on such policies as allowing Britain to be "occupied by American troops controlled by a President we do not elect and cannot remove".

He returned to his Chesterfield constituency, from where he plans to direct his leadership challenge, to launch his six-month campaign.

Speaking to a gathering in the local National Union of Mineworkers offices, Mr Benn sought to expose a raw nerve in the Kinnock camp by insisting the party must learn again the lessons of solidarity.

"Unless we hang together we shall hang separately. An injury to one is an injury to all. You do not cross a picket line.

"We know that, if we only applied that principle, the miners and the printers would have won their battle and fatally damaged the credibility of the Government."

The reception given to Mr Benn and Mr Roy Hattersley, the deputy leader, later today when they speak at a regional party conference in Skegness should give some sign of the strength of support for Mr Benn and Mr Eric Heffer's challenge to the leadership.



Benn: Opening campaign.

Mr Benn's specific targets were nuclear weapons, coupled with nuclear power, pit closures and Mrs Margaret Thatcher's "long-term war" against working people and their families.

In a further implicit criticism of Mr Kinnock he said that simply abusing Mrs Thatcher did not get to the root of the matter and did not even win public support.

"For the strength of the Tory Party does not lie on the green benches on the Government side of the House of Commons, but in the multinationals and the banks, the upper reaches of the Civil Service, amongst the military and security chiefs, in Washington and Brussels, and, above all, in the hands of the media which clearly seeks to persuade us that we have got to accept our fate."

Lawson agrees uneasy truce

By Rodney Lord
Economics Editor

A ceasefire was agreed between the Prime Minister and the Chancellor yesterday at a lengthy discussion of economic policy at Downing Street.

A stable pound was desirable but the priority of fighting inflation would sometimes require changes in the trading range for sterling, they decided.

The meeting was also attended by the Governor of the Bank of England, Mr Robin Leigh-Pemberton, and a number of advisers. It was described by No 10 as a good and amicable discussion.

Relations have been strained between Mrs Thather and Mr Nigel Lawson for weeks.

He has put at the centre of his economic policy a stable pound. But at a meeting 11 days before the Budget Mrs Thatcher insisted that the intervention required to keep the pound within its trading range was too great and that the rate should be uncapped.

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Yesterday's meeting, which lasted from 11am until after lunch, was called partly to coordinate a defensive line for the Governor and the Chancellor both of whom are due to give evidence next week to the Treasury and Civil Service Select Committee.

In response to questions on the Government's monetary and exchange rate policy the Governor and Chancellor will emphasize that exchange rate stability remains a desirable objective. Britain is committed to an agreement with the other countries of the Group of Seven, aimed at keeping exchange rates in a stable relationship.

The most important rate for Britain is the rate against the Deutschmark. The Chancellor is expected to say that because the EEC is Britain's major trading partner the DM rate is of prime importance to industry and therefore to the Government.

The Chancellor will justify last week's cut in interest rates by pointing out that as a result of the rise in the pound monetary policy has effectively been tightned.

Mr Lawson has for the last two years been converted to the desirability of joining the European Monetary System as a full member. The Foreign Secretary, Sir Geoffrey Howe, is also in favour of full membership of the EMS

Mrs Thatcher, however, retains an instinctive dislike of intervention in markets necessary to keep the pound in a stable relationship vis-a-vis other currencies.

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● The survey, conducted for advertisers among 5,500 earners, shows that Times readers are two-and-a-half times more likely to own property abroad than readers of any other newspaper.

● In their leisure time, 29.9 per cent of higher income earners who go to at least three classical concerts a year read The Times compared with 20.3 per cent for the Guardian, the nearest rival. Of those who attend more than one rock concert a year, The Times also leads with 20.4 per cent.

Seizure threat to seamen

By John Spicer
Employment Affairs Correspondent

Leaders of the National Union of Seamen were warned yesterday that if they organize strike action next Wednesday after their national ballot, they are in danger of having their assets seized by the High Court.

Mr Justice Michael Davies told lawyers acting for the union that he would issue the writ, but if no action was taken it would lapse after 28 days.

The judge had accepted an argument by P&O European Ferries that the national strike ballot called by the union's

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Loan rush

Banks and building societies are speeding up loan applications to beat the multiple mortgage tax relief deadline.

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Workers resist production targets

Jaguar faces all-out strike

By Craig Seton and Daniel Ward

Four thousand manual workers at Jaguar in Coventry have voted by a big majority for an all-out strike in protest at the company's plans to increase production.

The ballot at the Browns Lane factory, where assembly-line workers earn more than £220 a week, showed 2,410 in favour of a strike and 1,312 against when the result was declared yesterday.

Union leaders said that the strike would go ahead after the Easter holiday unless Sir John Egan, Jaguar's chairman, suspended plans to step up production by 92 cars a day to increase the annual output from 48,000 to 56,000 this year.

The company argues that its workforce of 12,700 is sufficient to produce 1,300 cars a week, or 60,000 a year. It says that improved productivity and more automated machinery will push up output to 80,000 annually by the mid 1990s.

Workers believe it is not possible to increase production enough to earn the additional £12.50 a week bonus offered by the company.

Mr David Boole, Jaguar's director of public relations,

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said that 1,000 extra workers had been taken on by the company last year to achieve the new production rate.

Mr Chris Lidell, the local Transport and General Workers' Union official responsible for the motor industry, said there was probably room for more production.

However, he emphasized that "the unions will not tolerate management by diktak. The unions are also saying there is not sufficient time in certain areas to accommodate 92 more cars. They need more hours or more manpower. It is not a question of money."

Jaguar needs to improve productivity to cut costs at a time when profits are under attack from unfavourable exchange rates. Last week, the company announced that profits for 1987 were down to £97 million from £121 million in 1986.

Sir John aims to push up output per man by 10 to 15 per cent a year and has set a target of matching Mercedes's productivity of six cars per man per year by 1990.

Revolt spreads against poll tax at flat rate

By Philip Webster, Chief Political Correspondent

The Government is facing a revolt after Easter because of proposals to impose a flat rate community charge to replace the rates.

Senior Conservative MPs, including Mr Michael Heseltine and Mr John Biffen, the former Cabinet ministers, tabled a proposed fundamental change to the poll tax Bill yesterday under which the rate of community charge paid by individuals would depend upon the rate at which they paid income tax.

Under the change, people on the standard 25 per cent income tax rate would pay the standard community charge. Those on the sole higher rate of 40 per cent would pay one-and-a-half times the community charge and those not liable to income tax would pay half the community charge.

The move, which has attracted the support of a wider spread of Conservative MPs than voted against the second reading of the Local Government Finance Bill last December, came as the Bill completed its committee stage

Mr Michael Mates, Conservative MP for Hampshire East, moved swiftly to table the amendment, which will be debated by the full House during the report stage.

MPs are hoping they can gain a big enough vote in the Commons against the flat-rate principle to give the Lords encouragement to amend the Bill

Mr Mates said yesterday: "This amendment meets the concern of many of my Conservative colleagues who believe that the ability to pay must be taken into account in determining the level of the community charge".

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Frostbite forces British team to end polar trek

By Ronald Faux

Sir Ranulph Fiennes and his two companions yesterday abandoned their attempt to walk, hauling their supplies, 425 miles across the frozen Arctic Ocean to the North Pole.

The Great British Polar Quest, patron the Prince of Wales, ground to a halt after 15 days some 40 miles north of the starting point on Ward Hunt Island when Fiennes developed severe frostbite in two toes. The expedition had endured severe conditions, strong winds and temperatures below minus 50 degrees C which made the conditions of the ice impossibly difficult for hauling their three sledges and their 370lb loads.

Polar Control in London said yesterday that the three explorers were bitterly disappointed but had decided to stop because Sir Ranulph, leader of the team, was at risk.

Sir Ranulph said over the radio: "The chance of survival for long is remote and the chance of reaching the goal totally remote. We do not think the risk is warranted".

The decision to stop was unanimous between Sir Ranulph, Mr Oliver Shepard and Dr Mike Stroud. Sir Ranulph added: "If the Arctic Ocean doesn't want you to cross it then that is the way it has to be".

Shepard and Stroud suffered frostnip in their feet, the stage before full-scale frostbite which can lead swifily to gangrene. That was despite the full Arctic boots with double insulation layers which all three wore. Sir Ranulph had twice suffered frostbite on previous expeditions and that probably made him more vulnerable in the unexpectedly severe conditions suffered by the polar expedition.

The three are camped near a flat stretch of ice waiting for the weather to clear so that a twin Otter aircraft can fly 700 miles from Resolute to their position.

The same aircraft will also rescue an American woman, Pam Flowers, who had hoped to become the first woman to make a solo trip to the Pole. She set out along a route parallel to the British team's, using dogs to pull her sledge.

Radio messages intercepted by the British base have disclosed that Miss Flowers fell from an ice ridge two days ago, knocked herself out and broke her glasses.Her re-supply aircraft was due to drop another pair of glasses with her stores but before that could happen her camp was attacked during the night by a polar bear.

The animal ate a lot of her food and trampled on the tent in which she lay too terrified to reach for her rifle, with which she had already warned off a prowling wolf. The bear, which gorged itself at supper time, has reappeared for breakfast.

Polar Control understood that Miss Flowers was about four miles from Ward Hunt Island in a zone of broken ice on which it would be impossible for an aircraft to land.A spokesman for the British expedition said: "We expect that she will make her way back there".A solo Austrian polar trekker had already been evacuated from the Arctic Ocean suffering from a badly frostbitten ear.

The British team said in a joint statement: "No one wishes to continue as a separate unit. Further travel would be a waste of time and a great risk."

NEWS ROUNDUP

£600,000 boost for Cleveland

The Government is to contribute £600,000 to the costs of the Cleveland child abuse inquiry in view of its exceptional nature and length. Mr Tony Newton, the Minister for Health, said in a written answer that £300,000 would go to Cleveland County Council and £300,000 to Northern Regional Health Authority.

● Social workers will be put under greater risk of abuse after social security reforms are implemented next month, it was claimed yesterday.

Mr Roy Crate, chairman of the British Association of Social Workers' working party on violence policy, said recent research had suggested that every one of Britain's 20,000 social workers could expect to be assaulted at least once a year.

Four had been killed in the past four years and the risks were increasing.

Secrets challenge

A judge's rejection of police demands for a secret hearing of an application to seize allegedly confidential documents from *The Independent* is to be challenged in the High Court.

The Director of Public Prosecutions wants set aside the decision of Mr Justice Owen to "uphold the fundamental principle of British justice" and hear the application in open court.

The police claim the documents on international co-operation against terrorism may help their investigations into a possible breach of the Official Secrets Act.

Doctor loses

The doctor accused of turning a patient into a zombie with hypnosis and a drug cocktail he called "Jaffe Juice" yesterday lost a High Court battle to clear his name.

Dr Joseph Jaffe, aged 62, of St John Street, Manchester, was seeking to quash the General Medical Council ruling that he was guilty of serious professional misconduct after he had improperly persisted in administering treatment to Mr George Waterson, of Cheshire, affecting his capacity to fulfill domestic and business responsibilities.

Court lists guidance

The Home Office is to issue guidance to courts indicating that the press should have access to the name, address and age of defendants and the charge in advance of court hearings. The move was agreed at a meeting yesterday of newspaper editors, senior government officials from the Home Office and Lord Chancellor's department, magistrates and justices' clerks convened in the wake of concern about allegations of court secrecy. A recent report by the Association of British Editors alleged a number of cases where access to court hearings involving public figures had been impeded by court officials.

Sheikh's plea fails

Sheikh Yamani, the former Saudi Arabian oil minister, yesterday failed in the Court of Appeal to win a temporary injunction banning publication on Monday of *Yamani: The Inside Story*.

Serialization of the book by Jeffrey Robinson, and published by Simon & Schuster, will also go ahead in a Sunday newspaper. A full appeal will be heard next Wednesday.

Lord Donaldson of Lymington, Master of the Rolls, regretted the courts could not act faster but said the Sheikh should have started proceedings earlier.

Mystery man hunt

Detectives searching for the killer of a woman found stabbed on a suburban London train are trying to trace a man seen to jump from a compartment close to that in which the woman died.

The man then rejoined the train on an open compartment at the front. Police believe he may have been the man seen running to catch the train at Shortlands in south London. The change of carriage came two stops later at Penge East.

Miss Debbie Linsley was found dead on the 2.16 pm from Orpington to Victoria.

Owenite suffers rout

The Social and Liberal Democrats have gained a crushing victory over Dr David Owen's SDP in their first electoral contest. Mr Steve Parkhouse, of the SLD, on Thursday gained a Conservative seat on the Mansfield district council in a by-election in which it obtained 36.2 per cent of the vote. The Owenite candidate took only 3.3 per cent in an area regarded as a stronghold for Owen supporters. The SLD also gained a Labour seat in a by-election in the London borough of Waltham Forest. Mr David Steel, joint leader of the SLD, said last night: "Our performance in real elections is far better than the opinion polls suggest. We will be looking for further signs of increasing public support in the local government elections on May 5".

Ford blames union intransigence for scrapping of Dundee plant

By Roland Rudd and Kerry Gill

Ford of America's decision not to build a proposed £40 million electronics plant at Dundee came about because British unions could not "guarantee the conditions to make it competitive", it emerged yesterday.

The TUC delegation, which had hoped to persuade Ford to change its decision on the plant, emerged ashen-faced after a short and futile meeting with the company and flew back to London on the earliest available flight.

Mr Norman Willis, general secretary of the TUC, said the trip to Detroit "had not been a waste of time". However, Mr Bill Jordan and Mr Gavin Laird, president and general secretary of the Amalgamated Engineering Union, which signed a single-agreement for the plant, would not comment. Both appeared exhausted and bitterly disappointed at the rebuff.

In Scotland, anger and frustration boiled over at the decision. Mr Tom Mitchell, Lord Provost of Dundee, called on Mr Malcolm Rifkind, Secretary of State for Scotland, to make a final, personal plea to Ford.

"Mr Rifkind should fly out to Detroit and try and convince them himself. We in Dundee have done everything. We have the site, the people and the skill waiting for Ford", Mr Mitchell said.

He said: "There is a lot of anger in the city because Ford did say that if we could change the unions' minds, they would reconsider. Mr Rifkind should make one last attempt."

His call came as Lord Goold, chairman of the Scottish Conservative Party, and Mr Michael Heseltine, the former Cabinet minister, criticized union intransigence. Mr Heseltine said the unions and the Labour Party should never be forgiven if Scotland lost the contract.

Mr Rifkind said the Government's co-operation was not in dispute. "Obviously, from Ford's point of view, what they need is an indication of full co-operation from the trade union movement. Naturally, we hope the union movement will be able to give them that assurance", he said.

The TUC delegation to Detroit had earlier been "cautiously optimistic" that it could salvage the agreement to build the plant. However, the optimism faded from the moment they arrived at the Marriott Hotel for talks with the company.

Mr Frank Macher, general manager of Ford's electrical electronics division, who cancelled his afternoon engagements to meet the delegation, said the talks could last no longer than two hours.

Mr Don Sherman, a spokesman for the company, said no one had pulled out of the deal. "Ford has been prevented from signing the agreement", he said. He confirmed that "prevention" had come from "hostile unions".

The agreement was opposed by the Transport and General Workers' Union, which threatened to black-list the plant, and the manufacturing science and finance unions, who were opposed to white-collar workers being represented by the engineering union.

Mr Willis told the Ford officials that the agreement with the engineering union, "stands in its entirety, without qualification and with the full endorsement of the TUC".

However, Mr Macher had demanded "unanimity of support" from all the unions. He said in a statement: "It is not preferable to spend $65 million to build a plant producing electrical engine control systems if we are not competitive with other electrical companies".

In the US, Ford negotiates a three-year deal with a single union, the United Automobile Workers, under which the terms and conditions are legally binding on both parties. "There are no ifs or buts. We believe a single-union agreement best represents the employees, which is preferable to multi-union representation", Ford said.

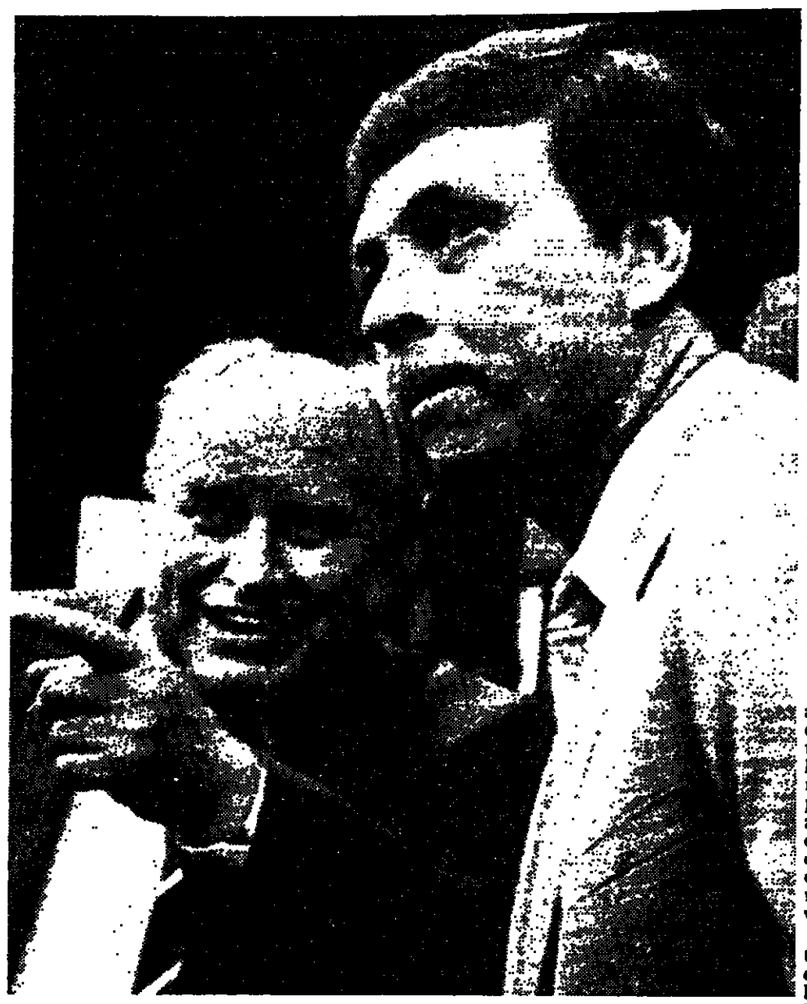
Highly publicized strikes in Britain, including industrial action at Ford of Britain, had a more damaging effect than the unions were willing to recognize. "Let's just say it did not help your case", Ford said.

Company officials also had doubts about whether the engeineering union would be able to deliver the agreement. Ford had been looking at non-unionized plants in North America, where wage rates were lower, to "develop and produce state of the art electronics".

Mr Macher said: "There are a number of products that cannot compete effectively in the US market because they have to compete with Japanese, Korean or Taiwanese products. So we look for an alternative that lets us blend our labour costs and use electronics skills we've got to develop products that can be manufactured anywhere in the world."

One of the new plants was to have been located at Dundee. Although it was to have been unionized, it would not have come under Ford of Britain's blue-book agreement. Subsequently, Ford of Britain was never informed about the talks on the proposed plant because the terms and conditions were to be different.

Ford of America made clear yesterday that it no longer believed that union leaders could give them the guarantee they were looking for to build the plant. It said: "The next step will be deciding where to build the plant". All it would confirm is that Dundee will not be on the list.



Mr Norman Willis with Mr Lou Rastovac, a Ford negotiator, before the talks in Detroit.

Ministry to give Trident evidence

By Michael Evans
Defence Correspondent

Ministry of Defence officials expect to be questioned over the Trident missile programme next week when they give evidence to the Commons defence committee about admitted delays and slippages.

Top nuclear experts at the ministry have been called to give more details about the warhead programme and the building delays at Aldermaston, the atomic weapons establishment in Berkshire, as well as problems over the development of submarine systems. The Government remains confident that in spite of setbacks, the first Trident submarine, HMS Vanguard, will be ready for service on time. As each Trident submarine is brought into service it replaces one of the four Polaris boats until a changeover has been made.

The Prime Minister has said publicly that Trident would be deployed in 1994. However, it is clear from written answers to the Commons defence committee that there may be contingency plans to extend the life of a Polaris boat, ensuring an adequate mix of Polaris and Trident submarines in the mid-1990s.

Declassified answers from the ministry disclose that a decision will be taken in June as to whether a Polaris submarine, HMS Resolution, should be given a fourth re-fit.

According to the ministry's answers, Resolution's last re-fit was completed in 1984 at a cost of £114 million. Re-fits take two years and another overhaul would probably cost more than £120 million.

The Polaris rockets have had new motors and the Chevaline warhead system, which includes decoys and cost £1 billion to develop, has been fitted to all the missiles.

The construction of the Trident hulls continues according to schedule at the Vickers Shipbuilding and Engineering yard at Barrow in Cumbria. Officials at the yard said yesterday that there had been no difficulties, apart from one extraordinary incident: sections of a Trident submarine were washed overboard from a cargo boat during a storm into the Irish Sea last February duriag transit from a steel company on the Clyde down to Barrow. Vickers and the ministry say the loss, involving five sections, will not delay the programme.

Sources said yesterday that all the sections are to be salvaged.

Yesterday a spokesman for Plessey Naval Systems, prime contractor for the sonar equipment, said initial difficulties had been ironed out.

The ministry, Plessey said, had changed the specifications for the sonar systems on a number of occasions. Plessey won the contract to supply five sonar systems for Trident at about £18 million each.

Jaguar strike caused by 'aggressive' demands

By Craig Seton and Daniel Ward

Production workers at the Jaguar plant in Coventry yesterday claimed that the company's aggressive demands were to blame for what could be its first big dispute in three years.

"Even if we were given extra money we would still find it difficult to increase production", one worker among a group of three said as he sat against a wall, sipping beer from a can during the 30-minute lunch break.

"On our track we produce 10 cars a day and they want us to produce another one. We would have to find an extra three-quarters-of-an-hour to produce one more car and I do not think that would be possible."

Mr Tony Russell, shop steward for the Amalgamated Engineering Union, claimed that, apart from increasing production, Jaguar was also seeking to eliminate 79 jobs at the plant through natural wastage and to cut overtime by 7,000 hours a week.

Overtime was required to recover production lost through plant breakdowns and bottlenecks.

He said that although there was an opportunity for manual workers to earn the extra bonus "the lads do not believe it is a good deal to speed up the track and produce 92 more cars and cut available overtime. They are going to work a lot harder and they do not believe it is good for the money.

"We have never had sufficient outside parts coming in on time to do these sort of figures", Mr Russell said.

One worker said that it was possible, after starting work at 7.30am, to have completed the 10 cars required from that track by 3.15pm or 3.20pm if there were no hold-ups, but, before clocking off at 4pm, they also had to prepare for the next day's work.

Another said: "All the tracks are stretched. I do not think we have any time to do more."

There had been trouble with the paint booths at Castle Bromwich, the plant where Jaguar bodies are produced. "If they cannot supply the bodies we do not get our full week's bonus, but that is not our fault", he said.

A second shift at the Castle Bromwich paint plant was introduced last month to overcome production bottlenecks, but the management has made it clear that bonus payments, now more than £34 a week, will be reduced for all workers if production is slowed down because of problems at any of its factories.

The men also criticized the claim made by Sir John Egan, the Jaguar chairman, that whenever he walked around the assembly hall at about 3.15pm he hardly ever saw anybody working.

One of the three said: "I fit the trim inside cars. I have got to do 10 cars a day and then that is it for the day. I have never seen the chairman walking round. We only ever see him at Christmas when he shakes a few people's hands."

The plant operates an eight-hour day from 7.30am until 4pm on the day shift, with 30 minutes for lunch and a 10-minute break in the morning for coffee.

Most of the manual workers stay inside the plant and take food and drink from vending machines or the canteen, which, Mr Russell pointed out, was not subsidized. Only a few workers who live locally could go home for lunch.

The night shift starts at 7.30pm and operates a 10-hour shift for four days.

Tourists get Aids warning

The World Health Organization is warning holidaymakers that the temptations of "sexual tourism" will put them at greater risk of Aids.

It is advising against having casual affairs or consorting with prostitutes, even in countries that claim to be Aids free.

Dr Jonathan Mann, director of the organization's special programme on Aids, says there are no "safe zones".

"By far the greatest risk of Aids is from sex with infected partners. Total abstinence, or staying with one faithful, uninfected partner is the surest way to avoid it."

Dr Mann says this week in a leaflet: "Don't take risks that could send Aids home with you. If this advice sounds strict, remember that in the absence of a vaccine or curative treatment for Aids, knowledge is the only protection."

Mixed response for King's initiative as Dublin and RUC police chiefs meet

'Shuttle diplomacy' derided

By Paul Vallely

Unionist leaders yesterday responded unenthusiastically to the announcement that Mr Tom King, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, is to begin a round of "shuttle diplomacy" to bring constitutional change to the province.

Mr King told Conservative MPs at a private meeting on Thursday that he intended to begin separate talks with the mainly Roman Catholic Social Democratic Labour Party (SDLP) next week and with the Unionists after that.

The discussions, which will be unconditional and without a set agenda, are to be confined to the issue of the constitutional future of the region.

Unionist leaders, however, were dismissive yesterday of Mr King adopting what one Tory MP described as "a Dr Kissinger role", unless the minister had some substantial new initiative to offer.

The Rev Martin Smyth, Official Unionist MP for Belfast East, said that Mr King would get nowhere by "rehashing" his old approach with a new technique. "We will take some convincing that he is really saying anything different", he said.

Mr Nigel Dodd, spokesman for the Mr Ian Paisley's Democratic Unionist Party, said: "We have made it clear we will not talk until the Anglo-Irish Agreement is suspended. If this is simply another tactic to get us to talk, directly or indirectly within the present framework we won't be having it. If he is talking about scrapping the agreement then we will be happy to talk."

The approach was treated more sympathetically by the SDLP. Mr Daniel Keenan, its spokesman, said at its headquarters: "We are ready and waiting for talks. It's an initiative we've called for over the past two years. We are happy to get round the table with anyone so long as there are no pre-conditions."

● The funeral of the second Army corporal murdered during an IRA funeral in Belfast last Saturday took place in the Bedfordshire village of Westoning yesterday.

The body of Corporal David Howes was cremated after a 30-minute service at a St Mary Magdelene Church.

In contrast to the funeral of Corporal Derek Wood on Thursday, there were no Army uniforms or military ceremony. Apart from his family and friends just two official representatives attended.

Garda's unflinching leader

By John Cooney

Mr Eamonn Doherty, the Irish Republic's chief police officer, has a natural common identity with Sir John Hermon, the Chief Constable of the Royal Ulster Constabulary: they are both Ulstermen, noted for their strong distinctive accents, their frankness, their toughness and their stubbornness.

Socially, both are colourful and gregarious. However, unlike Sir John, Mr Doherty is not known as a controversial public figure.

Mr Doherty, aged 64, was born in Buncrana in Co Donegal, one of the three Ulster counties which joined the new Irish state in the 1922 partition of the island.

From his Donegal home Mr Doherty can boast that when he looks towards the six Ulster counties which became Northern Ireland he looks southwards.

He joined the Garda in 1943 and rose through the ranks until his appointment last November as Garda Commissioner.

His main task is to modernize a largely rural force so that it can meet the triple challenges of IRA terrorism, gangsterism and drugs in Dublin.

He quickly forged a good working relationship with Sir John Hermon. Before the Irish government broke off the contacts between them over the Stalker controversy, Sir John and Mr Doherty had worked out a strategy to combat IRA terrorism.

Yesterday's meeting in London was therefore a "class reunion" for the men from Antrim and Donegal.

Mr Doherty shares Sir John's impatience to get on with the job of defeating the IRA.

Mr Doherty has not flinched from enraging republican opinion by ordering tough action to be taken against IRA subversives and sympathizers. In close co-operation with Sir John, he organized a large-scale search for IRA arms last November.

After several embarrassing bungles by his officers in a kidnap case which brought taunts that they were "Keystone cops", "the Doc," as he is known, has restored morale.

Mr Doherty will be exerting his influence to persuade Sir John not to return to saturation policing at paramilitary funerals. In return, Sir John will be impressing on Mr Doherty the importance of a more professional policing policy to meet the IRA threat.

Hamburg offer to Bogdanov

By Andrew Billen

Mr Michael Bogdanov, one of Britain's leading directors, is set to leave the country for West Germany where he has been asked to become director of one of its national theatres.

Mr Bogdanov, aged 49, last night ended eight years as associate director of the National Theatre, where he staged the controversial *Romans in Britain* in 1980. He is joint artistic director of the English Shakespeare Company.

The Department of Culture has asked him to head the Deutsches Schauspielhaus in Hamburg from autumn next year.

His name emerged as favourite for the position after a lobby by theatre staff and management.

Mr Bogdanov said yesterday: "It is almost unique for an English director to be approached to take charge of a major theatre in Europe and I am very excited by the offer".

His salary is likely to be greater than anything comparable on offer in Britain and the Schauspielhaus enjoys a budget the size of the National Theatre's in London.

Mr Bogdanov added: "I have been disillusioned by British theatre for years, but that is not why I am considering going. It is the sort of opportunity it is difficult to turn down".

● The Royal Court theatre in London is to advertise the job of artistic director.

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P&O cancels Dover to Calais service

By Andrew Morgan

Strike action has meant the cancellation this weekend of all British-crewed P&O sailings from Dover to Calais and Boulogne, as well as those operated by the French company SNCF. However, in the Easter build-up, all other companies are operating normally.

P&O has already announced the cancellation of its Easter sailings because its ships would not be ready in time, even if the strike was settled. Other companies are hoping to absorb many of the berths lost over the four-day Easter holiday due to the loss of 60 P&O outward crossings from Dover to Calais and 24 to Boulogne.

However, the Dover Harbour Board has urged travellers to stay home unless they have firm bookings.

Sealink is expecting its Dover-Calais crossings on the St Anselm to be very congested this weekend. However, the sister ship, St Christopher, will be operational again on Monday after a refit and pressure should ease slightly before the Easter weekend build-up.

Sealink's Portsmouth-Cherbourg route, due to begin next Wednesday, will start today and its Weymouth-Cherbourg route operates as normal.

P&O is still operating six crossings a day between Dover and Ostend with its Belgium crews. Those are virtually full, but a seventh crossing will operate from Good Friday.

P&O is also operating as usual from Portsmouth to Le Havre and Cherbourg. However, the Felixstowe-Zeebrugge route is operating at half capacity after a fire on the Nordic ferry on Thursday. The company says that will mean complications for those with bookings and passengers should call 0304 203388 for information.

Britanny Ferries, with French crews, is operating normally from Portsmouth to Caens, Portsmouth – St Malo and Plymouth – Roscoff. Limited car and passenger space is available, but no cabins.

Hoverspeed is operating normal crossings from Dover to Calais and Boulogne, but there is no more car space this weekend. Day-trippers and "non-landers" have also been stopped. There is some capacity for foot passengers, but travellers are urged to book.

Sallyline is working as usual, with five return crossings between Ramsgate and Dunkirk. All passengers with reservations will be carried, but those without tickets should telephone.

A spokesman for the Passenger Shipping Association said that many of the travellers with cancelled P&O tickets could find places on other lines, but some would be disappointed.

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Boy jailed for death of pupil in 'girl friend rape case'

A public school pupil convicted of murdering a boy who allegedly raped his girl friend was yesterday sentenced to be detained during Her Majesty's Pleasure.

By a 10-2 majority a Central Criminal Court jury found Andrew Richens, aged 18, guilty of stabbing to death Wai (William) Choi, aged 17.

As he began his indefinite sentence yesterday the beautiful teenager for whom he had killed was studying in Hawaii.

Women on the Central Criminal Court jury wept as they reached their verdict of guilty to murder. They had heard a bizarre story of secret sexual intercourse, drugs and drink at £6,000-a-year Dover College, of which the Queen Mother is patron.

Richens, of Borough Green Road, Ightham, Kent, stabbed Choi with his Scout sheath knife and then slit his throat in the bath. They were pupils at the public school, where Richens met and fell for Sabrina Ngiau, aged 17.

Richens said: "She was the only person that I ever loved. It was more than just a sexual attraction between us. I cared about her before I cared about anything else."

Mr Gilbert Gray, QC, for the defence, said: "Schoolteachers at the school gave golden opinions of Richens and rightly so. This appalling and catastrophic killing has cast a heavy shadow across the life of Richens. He is irredeemably sorry for what he has done."

The killing of Choi happened at a time when there was immense tension in Richens' family, Mr Gray said. Richens' parents' marriage had since broken up, and he felt responsible.

Richens stood with his head bowed as the jury of eight women and four men took four-and-a-half hours to reach their guilty verdicts.

Richens told the court that Ngiau, the daughter of a millionaire Japanese accountant, was devasted by the rape. She felt her honour had gone and life was not worth living.

So when Choi taunted him afterwards, saying: "She probably never had a real man before", he flew into an uncontrollable rage.

Richens, a brilliant sportsman and scholar, was set for a career as a lawyer. Ngiau, the girl he loved, who is distantly related to the Malaysian royal family, was more interested in having a good time.

She introduced him to drink, drugs and sexual intercourse and finally fled back to the protection of her powerful and wealthy family, leaving Richens to stand trial alone.

Detectives said that if she returned to this country she would be arrested for helping Richens to dispose of Choi's mutilated body in a bizarre midnight burial.

> **"I cared about her before I cared about anything else"**

During his summing up on Thursday the judge, Mr Justice Pain, said there was some doubt as to whether Sabrina had in fact been raped by Choi.

He said: "It may well be that this girl is making up a pretty good deal and getting herself in a compromising position; that she was laying it on a bit thick in case he (Richens) suspected that she might have been encouraging William".

Although Richens has been deserted by Ngiau, and probably will never see her again, he told the jury in a whisper: "I still love her". He disclosed that he knew she was in Honalulu, studying at Hawaii University.

Richens, a prefect and house captain, was described as extremely popular with both staff and pupils. He was in the school rugby team, a devotee of karate and a fine cross country runner.

Mr Gray said: "His future promising prospects of going to university must now be closed. He is now going to study with the Open University while in prison."

The court heard that when Richens met the girl it was the beginning of his downfall. She was a fellow sixth former with a reputation for having a good time.

Richens's chemistry teacher, Dr Elizabeth Lovick, told the court: "He was besotted with her. He couldn't see any wrong in her. He thought she was marvellous."

Richens found Ngian's lifestyle exciting. He was asked to leave school after Mr Jack Ind, the headmaster, learnt he had been using drugs.

Mr Ind became head in 1981 and had a reputation as a disciplinarian.

He introduced a six-inch rule that meant that male pupils were not allowed within that distance of a female student. The school, founded in 1871, has a total of 130 girls out of 370 pupils. It went co-ed in 1979 and its governors include the Bishop of Dover and the Earl of Guildford.

A former teacher at the school, Mr Alan Beresford Walker, said that since the killing on December 1, 1986, Richens had changed. "He has become scarred, more experienced in the seemier side of life. You have a boy who is very different from the promising young student I knew and taught."

The court heard that Richens had obtained a temporary job in the Law Society in Chancery Lane, central London, when Sabrina rang and told him she had been raped.

Sabrina had been staying at Choi's flat in Ashdown Way, Balham, south London.

Choi, the son of a Hong Kong psychiatric nurse, had a reputation at the school for molesting female pupils.

Richens told the jury that Choi had raped another pupil.

Crowning glory for an actor



Lyndon Davies, aged 15, who is joining the Royal Shakespeare Company, alongside the playwright's memorial and the figure of Prince Harry in Stratford-upon-Avon yesterday. The young actor, who was in *The Singing Detective*, will appear in three plays, as Prince Arthur in *King John*, the Prince of Wales in *Henry VI Part II*, and Prince Edward in *Richard III*.

Broadcaster told to cut high spending

Mr Frank Delaney, the broadcaster and journalist, was ordered to pay maintenance of £13,000 a year plus a bill for maintenance arrears and legal costs after obtaining a divorce in the High Court yesterday.

Mr Justice Lincoln told Mr Delaney, who presented the BBC Radio 4 programme, *Bookshelf*, that he would have to "cut back on his high spending" to meet payments to his former wife.

Mr Delaney, aged 45, was granted a divorce on the ground that he and his wife, Elizabeth, had lived apart for more than five years.

Mrs Delaney, aged 46, a secretary, who lives at their former home at Flower Grove, Co Dublin, in the Irish Republic, had contested the divorce on the ground that she would suffer grave financial hardship if it was allowed.

The judge said he took the view that Mr Delaney, who married his wife 22 years ago when they were bank workers in Ireland, could afford to meet the financial orders out of his estimated gross earnings of more than £40,000 a year. He accepted the orders might mean Mr Delaney would have to sell a £120,000-plus property he owned at Clapham, south-west London.

However, he considered that in view of Mr Delaney's financial obligations to his wife and three sons, aged 21, 17 and 12, acquisition of the Clapham property, which was used as an office to house his books and for his children when they visited him, was not a reasonable requirement.

Nor was it necessary as accommodation for Mr Delaney, the judge said. It was adjacent to premises in Old Town, Clapham, belonging to Miss Susan Collier, a textile designer, with whom Mr Delaney had lived since 1985 and who he planned to marry.

The judge said Mr Delaney was a man who was "ready to run up debts because of his optimism about his future".

However, he questioned figures submitted to the court by Mr Delaney about his income and expenses. They included sums such as £3,000 a year on clothes for television appearances and £10,000 a year for car, travelling and subsistence. Such expenses were "remarkable" for a man who owed as much as Mr Delaney.

The judge said one set of figures showed that after expenses had been paid a gross income of £43,500 was reduced to £18,000 and that tax then had to be paid on the £18,000. "I cannot accept that, even in the world of the media, a man earning £43,500 gross is left with a mere £18,000 a year before tax."

He ruled that Mr Delaney must pay maintenance of £13,000 a year in respect of his wife and children and must pay off maintenance arrears and earlier legal costs, totalling £6,500, at a rate of £2,000 a year. He also faces a big bill for legal costs of the divorce.

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Prize will go to buy art tools

Mrs Tessa Ashby, an artist, of Dagnall Farm, Dagnall, Buckinghamshire, near Berkhamsted, won the daily Portfolio Prize of £4,000 yesterday.

She said that life for an artist is expensive and the money will help her to buy equipment for her watercolour studio where she paints landscapes of the Chilterns, though her main field of work is in sculpting portraits of children.

Any remaining money she will spend on a family holiday in Turkey.

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Rise in car insurance set to slow

By Daniel Ward
Motor Industry Correspondent

Increases in car insurance are set to slow in 1988 with some insurance companies predicting increases of less than 10 per cent.

Next month Norwich Union, one of the country's leading insurers, will increase rates by 3.6 per cent compared with 12 per cent a year ago. Any rise in the autumn is also expected to be reduced.

Motorists can also look forward to fewer rises in insurance premiums, which have been as frequent as three times a year from some companies.

General Accident expects to keep increases this year in single figures, compared with rises of 25 per cent in 1986 and 18 per cent last year.

It said: "We can now contain our price increases as there are some signs that the number of claims is stabilizing though we do not know for how long this will continue."

The insurance industry says the big increases over the past three years are due to motorists making more claims for repairs and injuries, in addition to rising costs. In 1980 only one in every six motorists made an insurance claim each year but that has risen to one in four. It is that trend which appears to have stabilized.

However motorists are about to have to contribute towards the costs of broken windscreens. Most drivers have been allowed to claim for that without losing their no-claims bonus, or making a cash payment.

Norwich Union estimates that the cost of windscreen repairs has more than doubled in three years to £10 million; from April motorists will for the first time have to pay the first £25 of any glass claim. Other insurers are reviewing the situation.

Baker promises review of new exam

School heads want GCSE publicity campaign

By Sarah Thompson
Education Reporter

The Government should buy television time and newspaper space over the next three months to reassure parents, pupils and employers that the new GCSE examination is valid and worthwhile, the Secondary Heads Association said yesterday.

A review of the examination is already expected and in his speech to the heads' association last night Mr Kenneth Baker, Secretary of State for Education, promised that it would "look at the way course work is set and managed, to make sure that the burdens are reasonable".

He said that the examining boards would be reviewing the much criticized syllabuses and assessment procedures.

Speaking just before the start of the the association's conference in Reading yesterday, Mr Peter Snape, its general secretary, said: "Now is the time that employers are beginning to think about recruiting school leavers. Now is the time for the Government to make a big push to explain the exam to them."

Mr Michael Pugh, the SHA education committee chairman, said that while the large employers now knew what the GCSE involved, small local concerns often did not.

Small employers were still refusing to accept the idea that any grade in GCSE equals an achievement. "They still just want to know which grades are equal to an O level", Mr Pugh said.

He added: "If you can sell British Gas and British Telecom on TV why can't you have a few moments on TV to sell GCSE?"

In his speech to the association Mr Baker said it would be impossible for anyone to make unfair comparisons between schools when the Government introduces standardized tests and forces schools to publish their results.

"We shall require some aggregated results of assessment and testing to be published. But that information will be at a level of generality and will need to be presented in ways to stop unjust comparison."

Mr Baker also announced that he was going to set up a second working group on English teaching, which would "build on" the work of the committee chaired by Sir John Kingman.

The move will be seen as an attempt by Mr Baker to receive backing for his aim of traditional learning of grammar and spelling.

He has already been disappointed by the initial proposals by the working group on mathematics which, alongside the Kingman committee and the science working group is laying the groundwork for the proposed core curriculum for all schools. The mathematics group did not lay enough stress on the acquisition of basic arithmetical skills.

Mr Baker said that recent amendments to the proposals for a national curriculum should "allay many fears" about it. "We have made it clear on the face of the Bill that an order cannot prescribe school timetables, or the amount of time which should be spent on a subject."

Earlier in the day, Mr Baker met Mr Neil Fletcher, leader of the Inner London Education Authority, for the first time since the Secretary of State announced Ilea's abolition.

During their 20-second confrontation at the Teaching as a Career exhibition at the London Business Centre in Islington, north London, Mr Baker simply nodded as Mr Fletcher angrily told him: "You should feel ashamed at the cuts you have deployed. You have a nerve coming here. I think it's a disgrace."

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Health service efficiency

MPs to assess performance

By Jill Sherman, Social Services Correspondent

Health authorities will have to give a detailed breakdown of their performance to their local MPs in a new Government drive to improve efficiency, contain costs and drive down waiting lists in the health service.

Regional health authorities will also be cross-examined in their annual meetings with ministers on how they perform on a series of indicators compared to other regions.

This morning Mr John Moore, Secretary of State for Social Services, is expected to tell the British Guild of Newspaper Editors in Birmingham, that the latest set of NHS performance indicators, shortly to be distributed to all of the 191 health authorities, still shows wide variations in the costs of treating patients, the time they spend in hospital and operation waiting times.

Some districts, for example, treat 25 patients a year in each surgical bed, while others treat more than 50.

The same amount of money buys more health care in some parts of the country than others, he will argue, and although many districts have become more cost effective, there is room for improvement.

Districts have been given information on their performance since 1984 but Mr Moore is now anxious to exploit those indicators to put authorities under pressure to improve.

A Department of Health and Social Security circular to be sent out on Monday will ask authorities to prepare detailed analyses of their performance over the past four years to present to health authority members, MPs and community health councils by July 31.

"This commentary should highlight progress over time, and identify those main areas requiring further investigation", the circular says. MPs will be given a series of about 30 national indicators for local comparison.

A district will be able to judge how it fares against the national average and how it is doing compared with the adjoining district. It can also see whether it is in the top or bottom 10 per cent in the country in terms of the number of patients admitted, or the time they spend in hospital.

The new indicators, based on 1986/87 data show that since 1984 the national average length of stay for general medical patients has fallen form 10.5 to 9.7 days, the turnover interval when a bed stays empty has dropped from 2.1 to 1.7 days and the average number of cases treated in each bed has increased from 28.9 to 32.1.

Mother jailed for putting son in dryer

A mother who laughed after switching on a tumble dryer with her son aged two inside was jailed for 18 months yesterday for cruelty.

The woman, aged 25, a nursing assistant, of Catterick, North Yorkshire, sobbed as Judge Hopkin told her it had been a "wicked, cruel act" which had petrified the boy.

She was also sentenced to six months' imprisonment, to run concurrently, for assaulting her son. She was found guilty at Nottingham Crown Court two weeks ago.

The judge said yesterday he would take no further action against Mr Ian Matthews, a social worker, whose evidence he had said was unsatisfactory.

The judge has called for an explanation of why the boy was allowed to stay with his mother after police decided to prosecute her.

The boy is expected to remain with his father.

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Sunday shopping court test

By Rosemary Unsworth, Retail Affairs Correspondent

Two High Court judges were asked yesterday to determine when a shop is not a shop, in a case which could have wide implications for Sunday trading laws relating to department stores.

Ilkeston Co-Operative, of Derbyshire, was fined £1,600 with £450 costs by local magistrates for opening the travel agency, Ilkeston Consumer Co-Op Travel and Tours, on the top floor of its store on four Sundays, although other departments were closed.

Erewash council, which brought the action, had claimed that the co-operative breached the Shops Act, 1950, which prohibits Sunday opening of shops with a few exceptions. However, Derby Crown Court ruled in October 1986 that the council had failed to prove the travel agency was a shop within the meaning of the Act.

The council is asking Lord Justice Bingham, sitting with Mr Justice Hutchison, to rule on whether the store was open even if the part of it which was open was not a shop.

The travel agency wanted to open "when it saw fit" and, in particular, during busy holiday booking periods in October, some weeks in December and in January, February and early March, rather than every Sunday of the year.

Mr Nicholas Patten, for the council, said: "In our submission this shop was not closed on Sundays because part of it, namely the top floor, was open". That the travel agency was a separate business made no difference.

"The fact is it was conducted within premises which the crown court determined as a shop. It follows logically and necessarily that the shop was not closed in totality on a Sunday", Mr Patten said.

The council action for a judicial review of the crown court decision was adjourned to a later date. Mr Chris Smith, for the travel agency, said it would not open this Sunday.

Hurd steps up fight against despair as crime rise slows

By Peter Evans, Home Affairs Correspondent

Cynicism and despair about crime are out of date, Mr Douglas Hurd, the Home Secretary, said yesterday as figures showed that recorded crime in England and Wales rose last year by only 1 per cent.

That compared with an annual average of about 6 per cent for the past 30 years.

Mr Hurd said: "The notion that nothing can be done about crime is losing ground. There is still a very long way to go. Last year's result might be a blip on the chart.

"We need to direct an increasing police effort against crimes of violence", Mr Hurd said.

The figures suggested the strategy for tackling crime may be beginning to work, although they were still far too high, Mr Hurd said. Burglaries and thefts of vehicles were both down 5 per cent.

He told the Devizes Conservative Association: "The police and public working together have started to outwit the burglar, and that is a big achievement.

"The figures show that rising crime is not inevitable. It can and will be cut back through determined action by the growing partnership between active citizens and the police, of which the 45,000 neighbourhood watch schemes are the most important example."

The slowing in the crime rate, described by Mr Hurd as "significant", is detailed in a Home Office statistical bulletin.

The Government, however, is concerned about offences of violence against the person, which rose by 12 per cent in 1987, compared with an average increase of 4 per cent a year between 1980 and 1986. Murders rose slightly, from 661 in 1986 to 689.

Robbery and theft from the person together rose by 2 per cent. Robbery by itself increased by 9 per cent but over half of the recorded offences are in the London area; outside the larger towns robbery is infrequent.

Recorded sexual offences went up by 11 per cent in 1987, after increases of 6 per cent in each of the two preceding years. Most of the rise was accounted for by indecent assaults on women.

Mr Hurd promised he would not underrate the impact of violent crime on people's lives. However, the policy of increasing police manpower – by almost 20,000 since 1979 – and of encouraging chief constables to deploy more officers on the beat was paying dividends.

The police clear-up rate for crimes of violence against the person and for sexual offences rose from 71 per cent in 1986 to 75 per cent last year.

For the most serious violent offences the improvement was even stronger, Mr Hurd said, with a rise from 73 per cent to 78 per cent in 1987.

"The more we can release the police from the burden of having to investigate minor crimes which should have been prevented, the greater the effort they can devote to improving further these clear-up rates for serious crime."

The bulletin says the number of offences cleared up overall as a percentage of those recorded was 33 per cent, compared with 32 per cent in 1986, 35 per cent in 1985 and 1984, and 37 per cent in 1983.

The proportion of violent offences against the person cleared up in 1987 was, at 75 per cent, the same as in 1983 after a fall in between.

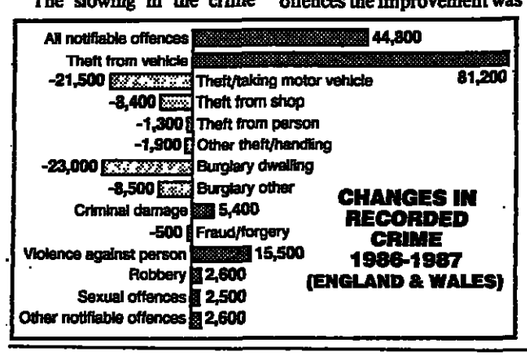
Mr Hurd said crime was less in those areas where it had traditionally been worst. In London, Merseyside, Greater Manchester and the West Midlands crime declined.

"It continued to rise apace in traditionally more peaceful places, showing quite clearly that those who argue that crime is inevitably caused by deprivation have got it wrong."

The peak age for offending was 15. "We must look to all those with an influence on the ideas of young people – parents, schools, the churches, the media, the youth service – to help channel youthful energy and idealism to constructive ends, and to establish clear standards of right and wrong.

"There are values and standards which must be maintained and nurtured – respect for the rights of others, a rejection of violence to settle disputes, and the responsibility for his or her own actions – if a free society is to thrive."

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'Shiny Sheff' joins Royal Navy



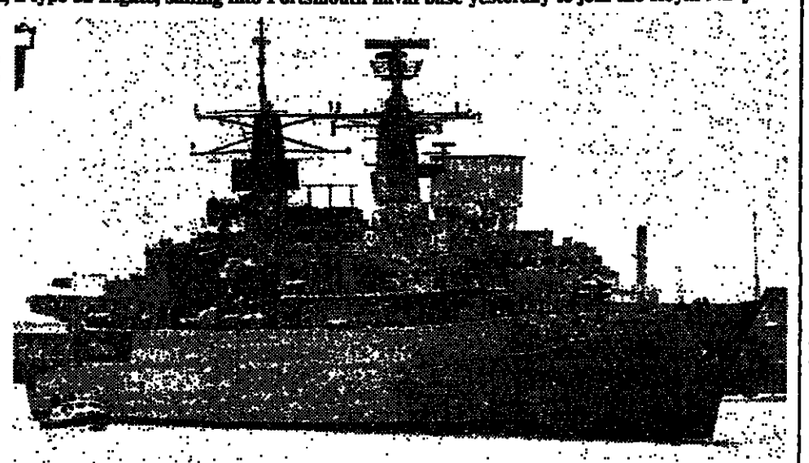
The new HMS Sheffield, a type 22 frigate, sailing into Portsmouth naval base yesterday to join the Royal Navy.

The "Shiny Sheff" sliced her way through grey seas yesterday to Portsmouth, where she was handed over to the Royal Navy.

HMS Sheffield, a type 22 frigate, revives the name of the destroyer which sank with the loss of 20 lives after being hit by an Exocet off the Falklands. Incorporating lessons learnt after that attack, the new Sheffield is to be commanded by Captain Nicholas Barker, a Falklands veteran.

The Sheffield is the third ship to bear the name; the first won several battle honours in the Second World War.

They were each called the "Shiny Sheff" because of gifts of stainless steel from Sheffield. The new frigate has gifts worth £50,000, including the ship's bell and cutlery.



Captain Nicholas Barker, her commander, on the bridge (Photographs: Peter Trievnor).

Oil firms top 'green' survey of industry

By David Nicholson-Lord

The oil industry performs better environmentally than farming or the food, drink and water industries, according to a poll published yesterday.

The electricity supply industry has the worst environmental record in the industrial sector, the results of the poll, published in *Green Pages*, an environmental guide, showed.

British Nuclear Fuels, which runs the Sellafield, Cumbria, reprocessing plant, earned the most black marks, followed by the Central Electricity Generating Board.

Shell came top of the list of those companies with a good environmental record, followed by BP and the Body Shop, according to the poll in which almost 100 environmental organizations were asked to assess industry performance.

Other companies attracting favourable mentions included British Gas, 3M, Esso, IBM, Traidcraft , Sainsbury, British Rail, Metal Box and Kodak.

Greenpeace was named as the most effective environmental organization, followed by Friends of the Earth with the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds and the World Wildlife Fund in joint third place.

Green Pages is a guide for industrialists, entrepreneurs and consumers in sectors of the economy with potential for environment-led growth. It includes sections on health, tourism, computers, farming, forestry and pollution.

Sir David Nickson, president of the Confederation of British Industry, said in an introduction that foreign rivals had so far "more consistently recognized the significance of the environment".

He said: "The rewards are high for those companies willing to take the initiative and care for the environment. Environmental excellence gives a competitive edge which has to be recognized and incorporated from the start."

Green Pages (Routledge; £14.95).

Jeweller's murder

Victim silenced 'as he knew robber'

A jeweller was murdered to stop him disclosing that one of his customers was an armed robber, a jury was told yesterday.

Leslie Mees, aged 29, was forced to crouch on the floor before being shot twice in the head with a shotgun from point blank range, the Central Criminal Court was told. He met his death during a raid on his shop, Rings and Things, in Leytonstone Road, Stratford, east London.

Mr Michael Worsley, QC, for the prosecution, said the jeweller may have been killed because he recognized one of the thieves, Michael Kendall, aged 25.

Mr Worsley told the jury: "Kendall was known at that shop. He (Mr Mees) may have been silenced because it was more easy for him to identify someone he knew."

The court was told that Mr Kendall had twice visited Mr Mees' shop as a customer, once to have his wife's bracelet mended and again, two months before the killing, to have his watch repaired.

The jeweller's body was found by customers who called at the shop soon after the robbery.

Mr Worsley said the body was in a crouching, semi-kneeling position and the victim's fingers were covering his forehead and eyes.

Mr Kendall, of Stork Road, Forest Gate, east London, pleads not guilty to murder and robbery. Peter St Clare, aged 22, of Fern Street, Bow, east London, denies murder but admits being one of the robbers.

Mr Worsley alleged that both men had confessed to being present at the robbery but denied being the killer. St Clare said Mr Kendall had the gun when the shots were fired. Mr Kendall claimed a third robber named Terry had the gun. Mr Worsley said it was the Crown's case that there was no third robber.

A statement allegedly made by St Clare to detectives was read to the jury. In it he said: "It was an accident. It was just meant to be an ordinary blag. It went off. Micky had the gun."

St Clare told the police he and Mr Kendall planned the raid together and thought it would be easy. They drove to the shop and Mr Mees let them in.

"Micky pulled the gun out of a bag and told the man to move out of the way. I started pulling things out of the safe", St Clare said.

As he was leaving the shop he heard two shots. When he and Mr Kendall climbed in to the getaway car "Micky was as white as a ghost. It had gone badly wrong."

The trial continues on Monday.

Life for man who killed crippled wife

A man who killed his terminally handicapped wife after an argument was jailed for life at Chelmsford Crown Court, Essex, yesterday.

The court was told that John Roff strangled his wife then stabbed her 27 times in the chest and four times in the back. Three hours later, he attacked his step-daughter, Heidi, aged 15, and Mrs Rosina McMullen, aged 64, his mother-in-law.

Mr Peter Beaumont, QC, for the prosecution, said Mrs Ann Roff, aged 37, suffered from Huntingdon's chorea, an incurable nervous disease. "It caused severe wasting over the years and marked personality changes. She resorted to alcohol as a relief."

The argument had started after Roff awoke to find his wife burning his leg with a cigarette. After the killing, he had told the police that he did not know if it was because he found her pathetic, "but I killed her".

Roff, aged 32, of Aveley, Essex, pleaded guilty to murder, attempted murder and wounding. Judge Greenwood said: "I accept your wife was a sick woman and that because of her illness she behaved in an extraordinary way which might have been difficult for you. But no man has the right to take the life of another."

£22,000 award over falling rocks

A firm of builders was ordered to pay more than £22,000 yesterday after a court was told how a woman's home became the target for falling rocks from a quarry.

Miss Julie Forsyth, aged 26, a barrister, told the High Court in Liverpool that she had lived in fear since moving into the £29,500 semi-detached bungalow

She said masonry had smashed through the bathroom window of her home as it tumbled from the quarry, although Merseyside-based Eaton Builders had assured her the property was safe.

"I am frightened every time I go home and each time I let the dog out or go outside. You can hear the rocks falling. They have even cracked the pavement."

Mr Thomas Littler, a chartered surveyor, told the court that work costing between £15,000 to £20,000 would have to be spent on stabilizing the quarry walls.

Mr Justice Caufield ordered the builders to pay £17,500 to make the quarry wall safe and to pay £5,000 to Miss Forsyth for discomfort

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Tory accuses TV companies of 'collusion' with the IRA

A Conservative MP and former political journalist accused the broadcasting authorities of collusion with the IRA when they filmed demonstrations at or near Republican funerals in Northern Ireland.

Mr David Harris (St Ives, C), who is a former political correspondent of *The Daily Telegraph*, said that as a journalist he had reported politics from Northern Ireland and had seen the situation on the streets. Speaking during a short debate in the Commons, he said that he had seen the difficulties faced, not only by soldiers and police, but by fellow journalists, particularly those in television, and camera crews. He accepted that camera crews were in the front line and in positions of considerable danger.

"I therefore appreciate the position taken by the broadcasting authorities , the BBC and independent television in trying to do everything properly to protect crews covering events in Northern Ireland.

"However, I believe that it is of prime importance, which overrides all other considerations, that they should make available to the RUC and prosecuting authorities all the evidence they have, particularly



Mr David Harris: Providing evidence must be the priority

in trying to bring to justice those who committed the vile murder of those two soldiers."

There could be no question about that, and if the broadcasting authorities said that the main reason for their reluctance was to protect their own staff, that reinforced the need to review the television coverage by BBC, ITN and Radio Telefis Eireann of IRA-inspired events in Northern Ireland.

Such a review should take place in any case, and should have taken place even if the tragic events of last Saturday had not occurred.

There was a need for them to consider how they covered IRA-inspired funerals or demonstrations.

"There is no doubt in my mind that there must be an element of 'collusion' between the broadcasting authorities and the IRA or IRA agents. I am not saying that they are dealing directly with the IRA, but probably with their representatives in covering some of these events.

"I refer particularly to pictures we have seen in the newspapers and on television of IRA firing parties letting off a volley of shots over a shrine round the corner from the funerals themselves."

That might be preferable to filming a firing party at the graveside.

But the fact remained. To the extent that the broadcasting authorities were filming these episodes, they were playing into the hands of the IRA.

Mr John Wakeham, Leader of the House of Commmons, replying to the debate, said that all journalists should read what Mr Harris had said. Everyone, including the media, must do all they could to help the RUC to bring to justice those responsible for the crimes of the past week.

King's Cross fire inquiry

Plastic 'turned to killer gas'

Blazing plastic facing on a ticket office produced cyanide gas which in seconds killed many of the 31 people who died in the King's Cross Underground fire, a toxicologist told the disaster inquiry in London yesterday .

A "heavy concentration" of bodies was found near the ticket office in the centre of the Underground station booking hall, Dr Patrick Toseland, based at Guy's Hospital,said.

The plastic, melamine, had "by far the heaviest" concentration of cyanide-producing nitrogen of anything he had been told about involved in the fire, he said. Next biggest would have been the victims' own clothing.

Dr Toseland told the hearing that 17 of the victims inhaled lethal quantities of cyanide gas, although some had lethal levels of carbon monoxide as well.

Those who also breathed lethal doses of carbon monoxide must have been taking in lower concentrations of cyanide, but for everyone "the issue would have been settled within minutes".

Questioned by Mr Simon Tuckey QC, counsel for Proderite, a company from Wednesbury, West Midlands, which made paint used on the escalator shaft at the heart of the blaze, Dr Toseland agreed there was a "heavy concentration" of bodies near the ticket office. Victims of cyanide would not have got far from its source.

He accepted that of all the objects destroyed in the fire, the laminated ticket office was the one which had the most nitrogen in it and was therefore likely to produce the most cyanide.

Dr Toseland agreed with Mr Roger Henderson, QC, counsel to the inquiry, that many other substances would have produced cyanide before the ticket hall was affected.

Mr Michael Brough, a plastic surgeon, told the inquiry he had never seen "flash burns" as serious as those caused by burning gases at King's Cross.

Most of the injured "simply cannot speak about the incident", Mr Brough, consultant plastic surgeon at University College Hospital, London, said in a report.

The inquiry continues on Monday.

Chief Rabbi attacks doctors over abortions

Doctors too often used "mental disorders" as a reason for carrying out abortions, Lord Jakobovits, the Chief Rabbi, said in the Lords. He accused doctors of using a legal subterfuge to get around the intention of the law.

He said that the law was plainly permitting abortion on demand.

Government figures for 1986 stated that out of nearly 135,000 legal abortions in England and Wales, almost 132,000 had been registered as due to mental disorders. "Our population surely cannot be all that mentally sick or at risk. Clearly, in the vast majority of cases, doctors resort to this euphemism simply because they otherwise would not remain within the bounds of legality."

Such semantic abuse of mental health as a cloak for personal convenience or social preferences perverted the intent of the law and imposed unacceptable forms of misrepresentation on doctors and made a mockery of the law.

It never seemed to occur to vociferous advocates of easy abortions that there was another option to prevent unwanted pregnancies. "That is to train people to exercise responsibility, to exercise some self-discipline and to cultivate a moral conscience."

Lord Skelmersdale, Under Secretary of State, Health and Social Security, said that the Abortion Act did not permit abortion on social grounds alone.

Two doctors were required to certify that the medical grounds required by the Act existed.

"The Government has no evidence that the Act is being abused but we stand ready to investigate thoroughly any such evidence that is put before us."

New EEC court gets backing

The proposal by the European Community to set up a Court of First Instance was welcomed by the Government, Sir Nicholas Lyell, Solictor General, said during a short debate. It would, he said, improve the speed and quality of justice in the EEC.

The Community had doubled in size and this had resulted in the European Court of Justice having increasing difficulty in coping with its enlarged workload.

The new court would deal with competition, anti-dumping and steel matters as well as certain non-contractual liability claims and staff cases.

Early adoption and implementation of the proposal did not mean any new jurisdiction being created but a redistribution of existing jurisdiction.

Bidding practice at auctions queried

By Sarah Jane Checkland, Art Market Correspondent

The issue of whether "puffing" at auctions should be made illegal has divided auctioneers and academics in the past week.

A "puffer" is defined in a recent Office of Fair Trading report as "one who has no intention to purchase the lot but is employed by the seller to raise the price by fictitious bids".

A regular, invisible feature at British auctions, he is often the auctioneer himself, bidding on behalf of the vendor to reach the reserve.

The issue this week was whether the practice is a criminal deception and therefore against the law.

The question came up at a conference on auction law and practice in London, run by Legal Studies & Services, and attended by about 50 auctioneers from all over the country.

Mr Richard Crewdson, a solicitor, of Waterhouse & Co, told the conference how most test cases on auctions took place in the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries, and were mostly about horses. In those days, buyers were unscrupulous and so the auctioneers learned how to build their own defences.

The immediate cause of this week's argument was the Houghton Report by the Office of Fair Trading, a research document which calls for the law to be tightened by requiring the seller to have a notice published in the relevant catalogue of any right of his to have a puffer or the auctioneer to bid on his behalf.

Another speaker, Mr Frank Meisel, of Birmingham University, said he believed a vendor should be disentitled to bid for any of his own goods; and that the auctioneer or vendor should say whether the sale is with or without reserve. He also wanted auctioneers to be obliged to state afterwards whether a lot has been bought in.

Auctioneers said that in practice the process of bidding is complicated,and that the system is acceptable as it stands.

They appeared to ignore changes in the law in New York, where the big art auction houses, Sotheby's and Christie's, operate.

There, the Department of Consumer Affairs instituted a rule 18 months ago whereby the auctioneer must announce whether a lot has failed to sell. However the issue of "puffing" in New York is still unresolved.

Dealers swoon over Victorian pin-up

SALEROOM
by Sarah Jane Checkland
Art Market Correspondent

A tasteful nineteenth century equivalent of the "page three girl" fetched a world record for its artist at Christie's London, yesterday, when it was bought by the dealers Leggatt Brothers on behalf of a friend for £308,000.

Painted in the 1880s by Albert Joseph Moore, an English artist influenced by the Elgin marbles and therefore classicism, it shows a comely young woman in a diaphanous robe, raising her arms as she luxuriates. The painting, entitled "Silver", had been estimated at £150,000 to £200,000.

"I think it is one of the most noble Victorian paintings on the market", Sir Hugh Leggatt said. "I think it didn't fetch more due to a Calvinistic attitude in some institutions. It would be too erotic for their taste."

Apart from a number of impressive prices, the sale was not a great success, with a third unsold. A painting by the French artist Ferdinand Joseph Geuldry entitled "Bords de Marne" showing hearty men in striped shirts carrying their canoes to the river, sold for £68,200

Humble coins from the English Civil War period became money spinners at Sotheby's two-day, coins, medals and numismatic books sale which ended yesterday.

A rare Charles I unite, originally worth about £1, fetched top price of £16,500 to the London dealer Spink. It owes its desirability to its rarity – only five or six "unites" are known to have survived – as well as its charm. One side has a quaint bust of the king, one tiny hand clutching a sword, the other an olive branch.

A rare hoard of 3,160 third century Roman coins – dug up last year from a field in the Isle of Sheppey, Kent – sold for £4,620 (estimate £2,500 to £3,500), again to Spink.

WORLD ROUNDUP

Gephardt set for day of reckoning

Washington — The survival of Mr Richard Gephardt's presidential campaign is in the balance, with his showing in the Michigan Democratic caucuses today regarded as a critical test of his ability to hang on to his status as a front-runner (Christopher Thomas writes).

He has issued only a weak denial of a report that he will quit the race if he loses badly today. He was at the gates of a factory in Michigan yesterday at 6am, greeting workers as they clocked on, and again dodged questions about his intentions. Asked in a television interview if this was his "last stand", he said merely that he was getting a tremendous reception and expected to win the state. But his campaign has been in trouble since he picked up only his home state of Missouri out of 20 states in "Super Tuesday" races on March 8.

Bus crash kills 15

Madrid — A passenger train smashed into a nursery school bus on an unmanned crossing in north-eastern Spain yesterday killing 15 people, 12 of them children (Harry Debelius writes). Eighteen other children were injured, four of them critically.

An immediate investigation into the accident near the city of Lerida was launched. The dead included the bus driver and a middle-aged woman teacher. Another adult victim was thought to have been a passenger on the train. Rescue workers said that all of the dead children were between the ages of about four and seven.

Missiles warning

Washington (Reuter) — President Reagan warned Israel yesterday not to mount a pre-emptive strike against Saudi Arabia's Chinese-built medium-range missiles.

The White House spokesman, Mr Marlin Fitzwater, said that the US had no evidence Israel was planning air strikes but had urged calm on both sides.US officials, who asked not to be identified, said Washington was concerned that the introduction of such missiles into the Middle East might have a destabilizing effect, but Saudi Arabia had said it would not seek nuclear warheads and China had assured the US it would not supply them.

Airlift to halt locusts

Tunis (AFP) — The United States and France will ship emergency aid to Tunisia at the weekend in an effort to stop the march of huge swarms of locusts that have ravaged Algeria and crossed into Morocco. Two US transport planes carrying 13,000 gallons of pesticides will leave for Algeria at the weekend in an attempt to prevent the swarms from moving north into the southern Mediterranean, diplomatic sources said here yesterday.

Blast case man freed

Paris — The Public Prosecutor's Office has appealed against the release from custody of Mohammed Mouhajer, a Frenchman of Lebanese origins, a year after he was arrested on suspicion of being the mastermind behind a series of bomb attacks in Paris in 1986 which killed 13 people and injured 250 (Susan MacDonald writes).

M Mouhajer, whose father was a leading Shia dignitary in the Bekaa Valley, still faces charges of association with criminals and possession of arms and explosives. His release was ordered by an examining magistrate specializing in terrorism.

Meal tickets

New York — Manhattan restaurant owners breathed a sigh of relief yesterday after the FBI arrested 28 of the city's health inspectors and charged them with gross extortion (Charles Bremner writes).

The inspectors, who wore Rolex watches and drove Cadillacs, concentrated on the well-to-do East Side and would threaten to close eating places for offences such as "mouse droppings on the floor" before they demanded big pay-offs. One inspector, Joseph D'Esposito, was known to the restaurant owners as "Hungry Joe" because of his greed for free meals and thousand-dollar (£550) bribes.

Army sent in to prevent Armenia unrest

From Christopher Walker, Moscow

More than 1,000 heavily-armed Soviet troops backed by low-flying military helicopters were yesterday patrolling the historic Armenian capital of Yerevan in a show of Kremlin strength designed to prevent any illegal demonstrations today by local nationalists.

Graphic details of the military operation — which has provoked widespread anger and threats of retaliatory violence from Armenians — were given to *The Times* by two Western tourists and two Armenian teenagers whom they brought to the telephone of a Yerevan hotel in open defiance of attempts by Moscow to impose a news blackout.

"The Armenian hotel staff are helping us make this call to you, they want the true story of what is happening to reach the outside world," explained Mr Anthony Desterre, a business student, aged 20, from London. "There are so many soldiers here, it is just like a war. We had 10 of them guarding the door of our hotel last night."

In Moscow, telephone calls from Western news organizations to dissident sources with Armenian contacts were being immediately cut off by the KGB, which stepped up its anti-*glasnost* campaign after the Kremlin urged tough action this week against Armenian protesters.

Mr Desterre, one of only 20 Western tourists in Yerevan, said that the troops — all of whom were non-Armenian conscripts — had been rushed into the city in special buses on Thursday after a resolution on the month of crisis was passed by the Praesidium of the Supreme Soviet.

"About 15 of the buses have been parked in a semi-circle inside the main Opera Square to prevent any gathering of Armenians there and they are in turn surrounded by a ring of soldiers," the British student told me. "At the same time, posters have been going up all over the city telling people not to demonstrate on Saturday and there have been broadcasts on television, too."

New mass street protests had been called for because an unofficial deadline for a Kremlin decision on the crisis ends today, with the Soviet authorities having ruled out the demanded return of the mountainous region of Nagorno-Karabakh from Azerbaijani to Armenian rule.

Mr Desterre, who interviewed local Armenians in order to relay their views on the crisis, said that the tourists were being repeatedly approached outside the hotel as the only conduit for getting round the news blackout. "The soldiers have all been brought from outside and appear to have no idea where they are or what they are supposed to be doing," he added. "One asked a local Armenian here if he was in Afghanistan."

The military clampdown has been interpreted as a triumph for Kremlin hard-liners led by Mr Yegor Ligachov, the Communist Party's ideology chief, who have been infuriated that up to one million Armenian demonstrators were able to gather in Yerevan's Opera Square recently without any intervention by the security forces.

One 19-year-old Yerevan student told *The Times*: "We are very sad and angry that the soldiers have been sent in like this. The Russians are treating the place like a colony. We are certain that what they are doing to us is against the Soviet Constitution."

Western observers believe that the strenuous attempts by the Kremlin to prevent details of the Yerevan military clampdown from being publicized result from a realization of the severe damage it will do to Mr Mikhail Gorbachov's efforts to promote a new liberal human rights image abroad.

The Armenian student, who did not want to give his name for fear of reprisals against his family, added: "The Armenian organizing committee has instructed everyone to stay inside their homes for 48 hours this Saturday and Sunday instead of demonstrating. They want to create a 'dead city' to show the world that we all want to be rejoined with Nagorno-Karabakh, which is part of our motherland."

The disputed region, which first came under Armenian control in the first century AD was handed over to Azerbaijani jurisdiction in 1923 but still has a large majority of Christian Armenians among its population.

Another Armenian student said: "Some people here have been buying guns and grenades for 500 roubles (£500) each and they say that they will use them. The committee says that it is much better for all the Armenians to stay inside their homes and not to try to demonstrate while the soldiers are here, otherwise there will be killing on the streets."

The second student said there had been proposals for the stay-at-home strike to last as long as the soldiers remain, to be followed again by more street protests once military rule had been lifted. Asked what would take place after the weekend was over, he replied: "Anything could happen."

Another member of the tour group which travelled to Armenia from the neighbouring republic of Azerbaijan, Miss Kristen Lemku, said: "There are troops with guns out in every place where people might gather and helicopter patrols coming in low over the city."

She said Armenians "have even talked to us about using guns and grenades against the Russian soldiers in defence of what they call their land. It is hard to know how serious they are being. But they say they have the weapons and that, if necessary, they are willing to shed their blood."

When I called back to the state-run hotel later as arranged, another American member of the tour group, Mr Douglas Campbell, answered the telephone. Before hanging up, he said: "We have been warned about what we say concerning the events here."

Earlier yesterday *Pravda*, the official Communist Party paper, announced that it had suspended its Armenian correspondent for protesting over the party's handling of the crisis by distorting the facts in the final version of an article he had helped to write earlier in the week.

● **MOSCOW:** The Armenian republic's Parliament has decided to dismantle the nationalist Karabakh Committee and its local branches, a member of the movement said yesterday (Agence France-Presse reports). The committee played a key role in recent nationalist demonstrations.

Mr Igor Muradian also said that Armenians in Nagorno-Karabakh had launched a spontaneous strike on Thursday.

Peking call for severe punishment of Tibetans



The Panchen Lama, the Chinese-approved Buddhist leader in Tibet, listening to demands at the National People's Congress in Peking for the Tibetan rioters to be punished severely.

From Our Correspondent, Peking

Soaring inflation is the most urgent problem in China's reform programme, Mr Li Peng, the Acting Prime Minister, told the opening session of a new Parliament yesterday.

In the keynote address to the 2,970 deputies of the National People's Congress gathered in the Great Hall of the People, Mr Li praised the achievements of economic reform, but acknowledged deep concern over some of its unpopular consequences.

In his first important speech since assuming office last November, Mr Li also demanded severe punishment of Tibetan nationalists who took part in anti-Chinese rioting this month in which several people were killed and security forces stormed the sacred Jokhang temple.

"The recent riot in Lhasa created by a handful of separatists was a grave incident that violated the law and undermined the unity of the motherland," he said.

Mr Li added that China respected the right to freedom of religious belief, but added: "No one should be allowed to engage under the cloak of religion in activities that impair national unity and undermine public order."

A grim-faced Panchen Lama, a leading spiritual figure in Tibet as well as a senior government official, sat in the front row on the stage facing delegates.

Mr Li, who is seen by many as a conservative, repeatedly urged caution in the pace of economic change, citing record inflation, food shortages, and corruption as unwanted results of the capitalist-style reforms which have brought unprecedented prosperity to many of China's one billion people.

"The outstanding problem in our economic and social life today is the excessive rise in commodity prices," he said. But he promised the difficulties to urban consumers would be eased through the payment of subsidies off-setting rising food prices.

Inflation is estimated at up to 20 per cent. In a recent poll, one in five city residents reported a fall in living standards.

Mr Li, who will be confirmed as Prime Minister at the meeting, admitted "certain shortcomings and mistakes in our guidance" and warned: "In the economic sphere there is still a tendency to be too impatient for quick results".

While the national leader, Mr Deng Xiaoping, sat behind him on the leader's dais passing cigarettes, Mr Li described Sino-US ties as "generally stable". But he attacked "a handful of people" for interfering in China's internal affairs, a reference to US congressional criticism of Peking's handling of the Tibetan demonstrations.

● **BANGKOK:** Vietnam says 74 of its soldiers remained missing after Chinese warships attacked them in the South China Sea on March 14 and accused China of sinking three freighters, then firing on crewmen drifting in the sea.

● **HONG KONG:** Mr George Younger, the Defence Secretary, said yesterday that a favourable agreement had been reached between Hong Kong and London on sharing costs for the maintenance of the British garrison here. Earlier talks had broken down on February 29 (Reuter reports).

He said the agreement would prove acceptable to all concerned in Hong Kong, but declined to give details. It would be announced after being presented to the Executive Council, the Hong Kong government's policy-making body.

Under the current seven-year agreement, which expires next Thursday, the colony pays 75 per cent or about $HK 1.5 billion (about £100 million) a year.

Buthelezi welcomes unity plea

From Michael Hornsby, Johannesburg

Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi, leader of the powerful Zulu-dominated Inkatha organization, yesterday warmly welcomed the appeal by Mrs Winnie Mandela for unity in South African black ranks and her offer to act as mediator between Inkatha and the outlawed African National Congress.

Mrs Mandela, wife of the jailed ANC leader Nelson Mandela, told *The Times* on Thursday that a *rapprochement* with Inkatha was under discussion, and that she would be prepared to meet Chief Buthelezi if she was "mandated" by the ANC to do so. She made the remarks after speaking to students at the University of the Witwatersrand, in Johannesburg, where she appealed for an end to "petty ideological differences" between rival black factions.

Chief Buthelezi said Mrs Mandela's statement had revived hope that "the real ANC will re-emerge to be the pragmatic, constructive political organization it was before it was banned (in 1960)" and that "constructive relationships could yet emerge between the real ANC and Inkatha".

Any healing of the breach between Chief Buthelezi and the ANC, of which he was a leading member in his youth, would be an ominous development for Pretoria, which exploits division and rivalry within black ranks.

There is evidence that the South African police have actively favoured Inkatha during months of murderous feuding between Chief Buthelezi's organization and supporters of the ANC-oriented United Democratic Front in Natal province. Some 400 blacks have died in the violence.

Mrs Mandela is expected to renew her appeal for unity during a visit to Pietermaritzburg, the capital of Natal, today. She will be the guest speaker at the annual graduation ceremony of the Federal Theological Seminary. Chief Buthelezi disclosed that a meeting had been planned in London last October between Inkatha and the ANC.

It would have been the most important meeting between the two movements in almost a decade. The meeting fell through, according to Chief Buthelezi, because the ANC negotiators said at the last minute they could not get to London, and tried to re-schedule the meeting in Lusaka, the Zambian capital, where the ANC has its HQ.

Meanwhile, it has been disclosed that an ANC member, Mr Mazizi Maqekeza, was shot dead in his hospital bed last Tuesday in Maseru, capital of Lesotho, where he was recovering from an earlier attempt on his life. The assassin reportedly fired through a window.

In a development on the white political scene, the neo-Nazi Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging, or Afrikaner Resistance Movement, was banned yesterday from holding an open-air rally in Randfontein, west of Johannesburg. Randfontein's chief magistrate refused permission under the terms of the Internal Security Act. Mr Terre Blanche secured an alternative venue for his meeting in nearby Krugersdorp.

White voters go to the polls in Randfontein next Tuesday in a parliamentary by-election where the far-right Conservative Party is expected to increase its majority over President Botha's National Party.

On Thursday rowdy supporters of Mr Terre Blanche's movement and of the Conservative Party disrupted a National Party meeting in Randfontein addressed by Mr F.W. de Klerk, the Minister of National Education and leader of the party in the Transvaal.

● **Bishop returns:** The Bishop of Lichfield, the Rt Rev Keith Sutton, has returned to Britain from his mission to show solidarity with Archbishop Desmond Tutu, primate of the South African Anglican church, on behalf of the Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Runcie.

Washington worried as El Salvador poll squabbles drift towards violence

From Christopher Thomas, Washington

The United States is deeply worried about growing tensions in El Salvador and the apparent plunge in popularity of President Duarte, whose tenure of power rests on strong support from Washington.

The Salvadorean Army issued a firm public warning to squabbling political parties after last Sunday's National Assembly election. It said threats of violence were being taken "very seriously" and hinted that it would intervene if there was trouble.

Although there is no threat of a military takeover, General Adolfo Blandon, the armed forces Chief of Staff, said that "if the situation continues, if the electoral council is not honest, the people will not take it and the democratic process will be weakened".

He said he was worried that political parties were inciting people to protest violently, which "only helps the terrorists".

His warning came as the right-wing republican nationalist alliance, Arena, which made a stunning comeback in the election, threatened to take to the streets in protest at delays in vote-counting. The count continued yesterday in an atmosphere of suspicion, confusion and argument.

Arena leaders have called for strikes, street violence and military intervention to sort out the situation. They have accused President Duarte's Christian Democrats of fraud in the count. At stake is whether Arena will have an absolute majority in the National Assembly.

The Christian Democrats declared earlier in the week that Arena had won at least 31 of the 60 seats, but two days later they revised the figure to 29 firm seats, with the possibility of picking up one more. They predicted that their own party would gain 24 seats and that the small National Conciliation Party would get six, creating the possibility of a congressional coalition to outvote Arena.

Nobody predicted that Arena would do so well. The result demonstrates that the party has broadened its base of support among the privileged classes, spreading its appeal to conservative peasants and slum dwellers who blame the Marxist guerrillas for destroying their livelihoods. There is a belief that Arena will be ruthless with guerrillas.

Arena was founded by Señor Roberto D'Aubuisson, now the most popular politician in El Salvador. But he is not expected to present himself as the party's presidential candidate; the US has made it clear that if he became president, Congress would almost certainly withdraw support. Aid from Washington totals $1.5 million (£937,500) a day — more than 80 per cent of the entire budget.

Señor D'Aubuisson has been closely connected with right-wing death squads. His ability to capture the votes of poor people is a tribute to Arena's organizational superiority and a reflection of national exhaustion and frustration after years of guerrilla warfare and worsening poverty. President Duarte has long been in a political deadlock, unable to govern effectively because of pressures from the right and left.

Arena offered a diet of hard work, patriotism, fierce anti-communism and protection of family and property — with violence if necessary. The message obviously touched a vital nerve. One of the party's most effective campaign messages emphasized the doubling of rice and bean prices.

Policies of silence or safety meet passions aroused by Israel

Washington View

By Michael Binyon

Israel is virtually the only foreign policy issue that matters in American politics. It is a subject so touchy, so surrounded with taboos and passionate conviction and so divisive that rational debate of America's close relationship — especially during presidential elections — is almost impossible. For most candidates, the safest policies on the Middle East are those that outdo their rivals in support of Israel. Or silence.

But this year, the daily pictures from Gaza and the West Bank of beatings and shootings, the open disagreement between the Administration and the Israeli Prime Minister on the US peace plan, the deep split within the Israeli Government and the anguish of American Jews, have made silence a difficult course. Candidates have been pressed repeatedly to take a position. But unlike Central America, where rhetoric is given full reign, on the Middle East little is heard but carefully measured platitudes. All contenders are in favour of peace.

The Democrats seek refuge in criticizing the US for not playing a more active role earlier. The Republicans focus on the dangers of the Russians having any role in an international conference. No one dares take public issue with Mr Yitzhak Shamir, or suggests that US aid, running at more than $3 billion (£1.3 billion) a year, should ever be reduced or linked to progress towards peace.

By contrast, the emotional public debate on Israel and the Palestinians daily spills across the pages of US newspapers, especially *The New York Times*, which circulates amongst the largest Jewish community outside Israel.

Pro-Israel groups rail against double standards, call on American Jews to rally behind Israel, excoriate the Palestinian demonstrators and denounce pressure from the world community. Full-page advertisements by individuals trumpet their Zionist convictions, call on President Reagan to "tell to all nations sitting in peace smugly behind their borders, protected by nuclear curtains, that to give you a lesson in humanism they need to have a bloody nerve".

The letters columns rake up the whole historic background, pick over the nuances of every resolution with masterful casuistry.

American Jews are deeply disturbed by what is going on. More than at any time in Israel's history — more even than during the 1982 invasion of Lebanon — they have begun to question the policies in Jerusalem.

Moderate Jewish leaders have pointed to a danger of fundamentalist and hardline positions, in religion and in politics. Many Jews were especially disturbed by Mr Shamir's assertion that they had a duty to support Israel and not to voice their concerns to the Administration: it smacked to them of an attempt to dictate where their primary loyalties as citizens should lie.

The clamour has forced Mr Shultz back into the Middle East cauldron. His new initiative is a brave and balanced attempt to get things moving. But few people in the Administration believe it has much chance of success, for it contains no sanctions.

"Pressure is not a word we ever use in relation to Israel," one official said. And asked how anything could be accomplished in the short time left to this Administration, he remarked wryly, "Do you think we are being hopelessly naive?"

There is a detectable weariness among all those involved in the effort, a determination to plod on despite the crippling criticism from all sides. "Can you think of a better plan?" one official remarked privately.

The Administration knows that little will change until the Israelis themselves find the pain from the present situation too great. Certainly there will be no pressure from Congress. The letter signed by 30 pro-Israel senators expressing "dismay" at Mr Shamir's obduracy was unusual, but already there are retreats. Senator Frank Lautenberg, one of the signatories, has run into angry criticism from powerful pro-Israel groups in his state. And to those running for re-election, such criticism can be devastating.

Several books have already documented the ruthlessness of AIPAC (American Israel Public Affairs Committee), a pro-Israel lobby that strikes more fear into Congress and wields greater power than any other. The notorious "targeting" of congressmen whose votes have not been in Israel's interest — either on arms sales to Arab countries or on US aid to Israel — has led to several famous casualties: former Senator Charles Percy and former Senator James Abdnor.

The lobbies are rich and single-minded. The pro-Israel political action committees (PACs) with vague names such as "National PAC" "Washington PAC", "Citizens' Organized PAC", last year spent $790,000 (£430,000) helping their friends in the Senate.

This year there is another target: Senator John Chafee of Rhode Island, whose votes are deemed less than helpful. His challenger in November, Mr Richard Licht, has been given $107,500.

The power to direct money to those who vote the right way is the main reason why the presidential candidates are so cautious. It has led to harsh criticism of the Rev Jesse Jackson, the only candidate to have supported a homeland for the Palestinians, from pro-Israel groups.

It also explains why the only foreign policy issue on which most Americans have any strong feelings is the only one that cannot be debated fully and openly in the presidential campaign.

Two Arabs shot dead in West Bank

By Our Foreign Staff

Two young Palestinians were shot dead in the West Bank village of Tarkumiya yesterday as the uprising in the occupied territories continued.

The two latest victims, Walid al-Sataftah, aged 18, and Khaled al-Muraktan, aged 20, bring to 106 the number of Palestinians shot dead by the Israelis since the uprising started on December 9. Several other demonstrations in West Bank and Gaza passed off quietly except at Hebron's Al-Harat mosque, where three Palestinian youths were reportedly wounded by Israeli gunfire. Meanwhile, an opinion poll in Israel's *Yediot Aharonot* newspaper showed that 72 per cent of Israelis are in favour of tougher measures to restore order in the occupied territories, while only 6 per cent thought the current measures too harsh. Mr Yitzhak Rabin, the Defence Minister, was urged to take harsher measures by the Likud Party.

On the political front, Mr Yitzhak Shamir, the Prime Minister, yesterday met the US Ambassador, Mr Thomas Pickering, to receive a briefing on this week's meetings between the US Secretary of State, Mr George Shultz, and his Soviet counterpart, Mr Eduard Shevardnadze.

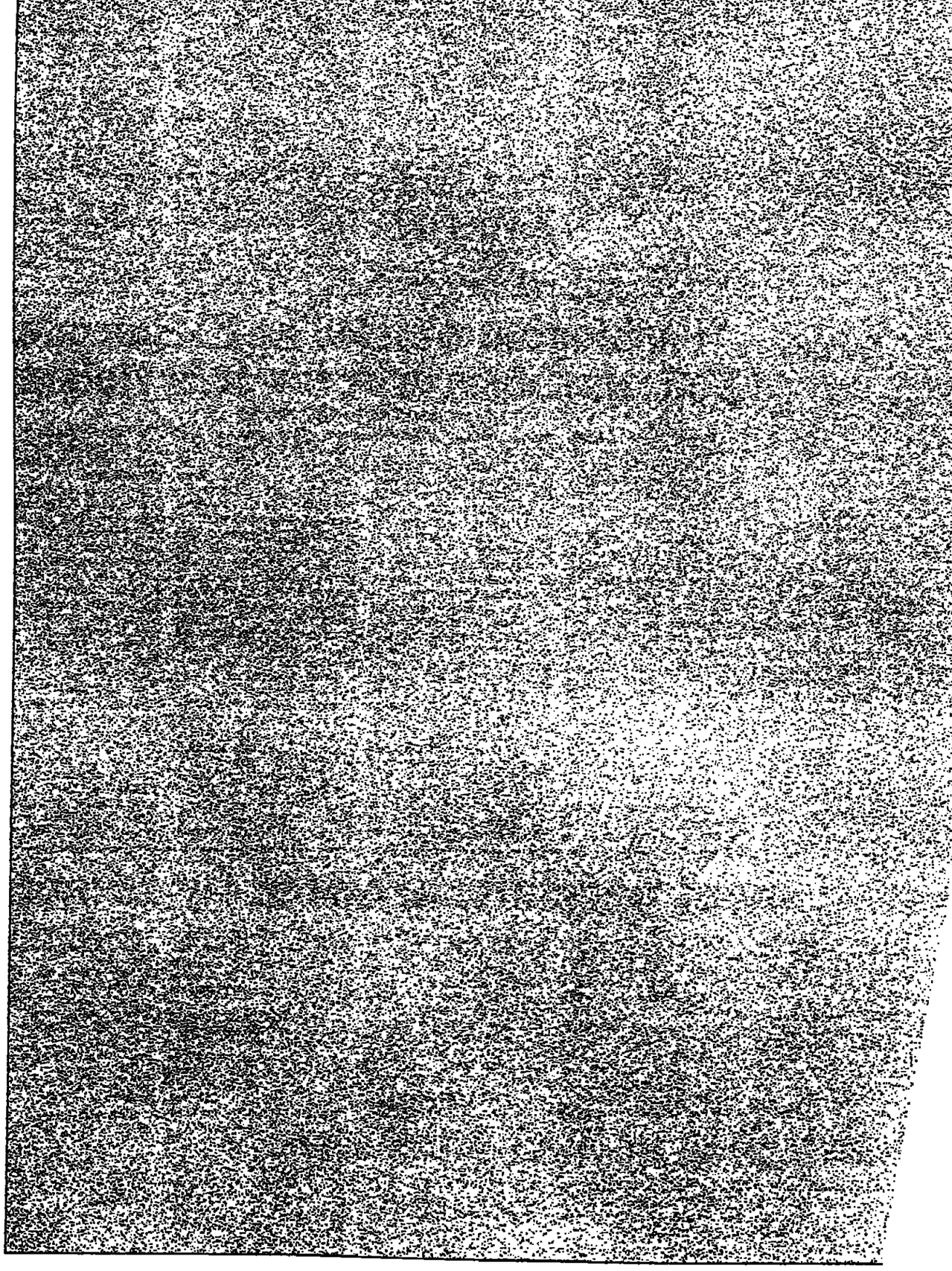
According to reports from Washington, Mr Shultz and Mr Shevardnadze were deeply divided on the nature of the international Middle East peace conference the Americans are proposing.

In a separate development yesterday court sources in Tel Aviv said two Israelis suspected of planning a rocket attack against Palestinians have been arrested and placed in police detention. Another Israeli was earlier tried and sentenced to life imprisonment for firing a rocket at a Palestinian bus in 1984.

In Lebanon yesterday six teenage girl recruits of Abu Nidal's Palestinian guerrilla organization killed by an Israeli air raid on south Lebanon were buried in Beirut. Two other women and two men who were killed in the same air raid near Sidon on Thursday received separate burials.

Thousands of Palestinians gathered at the tiny refugee camp of Mar Elias for an emotional tribute to the guerrillas of the Fatah Revolutionary Council.

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Socialist victory poses threat to Gibraltar deals

By Richard Wigg in Gibraltar and Michael Evans

The election victory in Gibraltar of Mr Joe Bossano, who immediately reaffirmed his total opposition to any *rapprochement* with Spain, is being viewed with considerable caution in London.

Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary, sent off a telegram of congratulation, but ministers were adopting a policy of "wait and see" before testing Mr Bossano's stance on relations with Spain.

The most awkward of all Gibraltar's political leaders for both the British and Spanish Governments will take office now as the British dependent territory's first left-wing Chief Minister after winning 58 per cent of the votes cast on Thursday. He pushed the centrist Labour Party — which had held power for 16 years — down to 29 per cent.

● Bossano win does not alter dispute over sovereignty ●

There was a 76 per cent turn-out, two points up on the 1984 election, with the Socialist Labour Party winning eight of the 15 seats in Gibraltar's House of Assembly. The Labour Party, led by Sir Joshua Hassan until his retirement last December, took all the rest. The vote demonstrated that a majority of Gibraltarians, including several prominent businessmen, tired of successive government blunders, prefer a change.

Non-domestic issues, especially relations with neighbouring Spain, emphasized by the party which now goes into Opposition, thus took second place, although Mr Bossano's highly personalized standing-up to Spain was undoubtedly among the factors making for his victory.

For the British Government, the victory of Mr Bossano, formerly Gibraltar's trade union leader, opens up the very real possibility that all the delicate negotiations with Spain that finally led to the Brussels Agreement in 1984 could now be undone.

Under the framework of that agreement, negotiations have been developing on three fronts: opening Gibraltar's airport to Spanish airlines, including the building of a terminal on the northern side so that passengers would have access to the airport from Spain; restarting the ferry service from Gibraltar to Algeciras on the Spanish mainland; and putting an end to the long delays at the frontier.

All these issues are seen as crucial in London for improving the atmosphere over the whole question of Gibraltar's future. Mr Bossano has placed himself firmly against these developments because he fears that any improved links with Spain would set the Rock down the slippery slope towards a handover of sovereignty to Madrid.

When Mr Bossano meets with British officials, he will be reassured that the Government has no intention of changing its often repeated position that nothing would be decided about the future of the Rock against the wishes of the Gibraltarians.

Madrid indicated officially yesterday that, in its view, Mr Bossano's victory "does not alter Spain's dispute with Britain over the sovereignty of the Rock".

At a press conference, called after the counting of 17,000 votes had lasted all night, Mr Bossano emphasized that it would be an error to interpret his stand as one of enmity towards Spain.

"With our own initiatives we will be seeking ways to work so that the prosperity of our people in Gibraltar is shared with the Campo across the frontier which suffered most from the shutdown and has benefited least from the frontier opening," Mr Bossano said, speaking in Spanish, and referring to the Franco regime's 13-year long blockade of Gibraltar before the Socialist Government began opening the frontier in 1982. "Independent of the fact Gibraltar people do not want to be integrated into Spain, we want to show good will towards Spaniards," he added, directing his remarks to the Socialists who dominate the town councils of the Campo region.

Mr Bossano sounded adamant that his government would not accept an agreement for joint use of Gibraltar's airport as devised by Britain and Spain last December, but gave an indication that he might be prepared to discuss the issue with Señor Felipe González, Spain's Socialist Prime Minister.

"That is a question I would expect him to raise, not me", Mr Bossano said. "If he invites me to Madrid, it will be an honour to go." During the election campaign Mr Bossano, formerly Gibraltar's trade union leader, rejected the December agreement as an "awful deal" for Gibraltar and pledged that, in the unlikely event of a change in attitude, his government — and, he would expect, any other government — would consult Gibraltarians by holding a referendum.

Mr Bossano also made it plain after victory that he would not attend the regular top-level Anglo-Spanish meetings intended to seek ways of collaborating and as a forum for discussing Spain's sovereignty claim.

He has put on ice previous talk of independence for Gibraltar, saying that during his four years of office he does not want to seek any constitutional changes with Britain. But he refuses to acknowledge anyone's right to discuss the future of the Rock except the Gibraltarians.

The Bossano victory comes at the beginning of a year of exceptional importance in Anglo-Spanish relations, with official visits for the first time by the British Prime Minister and the Queen to Madrid.

The Queen is due next October to return the state visit by King Juan Carlos to London in April, 1986. Then, the Spanish monarch twice publicly expressed Spain's sovereignty claim to Gibraltar. Mrs Thatcher is expected to visit Señor González in Madrid in September.

London is the only European Community capital the Spanish Prime Minister has not visited since taking office in 1982 and his attitude to the Gibraltar problem undoubtedly lies behind that omission.

Talking with Mr Bossano on Spanish radio on election night, Señor Fernando Morán, the former Foreign Minister who concluded the Brussels Agreement with Sir Geoffrey Howe, recommended a frank dialogue in spite of their disagreement.

Mr Bossano visited Madrid on his single official visit to Spain during the past five years but confesses that the only figure he knows is the Spanish Socialist Party's top foreign affairs expert. Both Señor González and Señor Alfonso Guerra, his deputy whom the Prime Minister often uses as a troubleshooter, are Andalusians — from the region bordering Gibraltar — and yet neither has bothered to tackle Mr Bossano ever at the personal level.

The gesture of an invitation by Madrid would seem now appropriate to probe just what identity of approach as pragmatic Socialists Señor González and Mr Bossano might be able to find.

Madrid's legalistic stance — that it will only discuss Gibraltar with the British Government — ignores the Gibraltarians' emerging national feelings or, as Señor Morán put it, the fact of their "political weight", whatever the legal niceties.

● We want to show good will towards the Spaniards ●

The visits by the Queen and Mrs Thatcher in the autumn make it likely that the Spanish authorities will seek to refrain from serious negative reaction for the present, waiting perhaps to see how Mr Bossano mellows in office, exactly as the Spanish Socialists themselves have done.

Next autumn there will arise the sensitive problem of funding the continued payment of pensions to more than 4,500 elderly Spaniards, mostly from La Linea, who worked in Gibraltar before the Franco regime introduced the blockade.

Mr Bossano refused yesterday to contemplate "paying a single penny" when the three-year provisional funding agreement between the British and Gibraltar governments "runs dry" in about October.



A jubilant Mr Joe Bossano, Gibraltar's new Chief Minister, saluting his supporters yesterday after his election victory.

15 held in Bonn 'spies' swoop

Bonn — West German authorities have arrested 15 people suspected of spying for East Germany, according to sources close to the security services yesterday (Our Foreign Staff writes). One was reportedly an Iranian-German doctor from Aachen.

The arrests were probably linked to the earlier arrest on similar charges of a West German government secretary, Elke Falk, aged 40. She is suspected of giving East Germany a wide range of information on foreign policy and is said by security sources to have been co-operative in their investigations.

Drugs seized

Madrid (Reuter) — Police seized 900 lb of cocaine with an estimated street value of £27 million from a warehouse near Madrid and arrested 10 people.

Patient virtue

Warsaw (AFP) — After a six-year struggle with the Polish authorities, about 20 nuns from various countries belonging to Mother Teresa's Sisters of Charity have been allowed to set up a hospice in Warsaw to look after the many down-and-outs.

Tamil killings

Colombo (AP) — Tamil rebels killed two farmers from a northern Sri Lankan village and left notes on their bodies claiming that the men had spied for the Indian peacekeeping force.

Blaze toll

Seoul (AP) — A predawn fire killed 19 sleeping women factory workers in a dormitory on the outskirts of Seoul. Most died after inhaling toxic fumes from rolls of fabric.

Rail crash

Peking (Reuter) — Eleven Japanese and one Chinese were killed when two passenger trains collided near Shanghai. More than 40 people were hurt.

Disease alert

Aswan (Reuter) — Doctors are innoculating all 150,000 people of this popular Egyptian resort after three Sudanese visitors were found to have meningitis.

Rhine floods

Cologne (Reuter) — Shipping was banned from parts of the Rhine for the second time this month because of the worst spring flooding for years.

Culture shock

Bonn (Reuter) — A Goethe Institute will be established as the first foreign cultural centre in Peking under a Chinese-West German agreement, the Foreign Ministry said.

Afghanistan peace negotiations

New moves may avert collapse of talks

From Michael Hamlyn, Geneva

Two big developments at the Afghanistan peace talks yesterday brought new hope of averting a widely forecast break-up.

The first was a move by the mediation team under Señor Diego Cordovez to encourage the continuation of negotiations on the so-called "symmetry" issue. The second was a further softening of the Pakistani line on the question of an interim government for the period of the withdrawal.

Yesterday, with a look of anger at commentators who had forecast the collapse of his peace initiative, Señor Cordovez announced that the talks would continue on Monday.

If these two issues can be settled, nothing will stand between the negotiating teams and the successful conclusion of the accords except the border question, raised last week by Afghanistan, which is expected to be solved once the momentum towards a signing is regained.

Delegation members here have confirmed that Señor Cordovez has asked both the Americans and the Russians to send high level negotiators to Geneva to resume the talks that failed to reach a positive result between Mr George Shultz and Mr Eduard Shevardnadze. Señor Cordovez, in effect, cryptically denied that he had made any such request, saying that reports "would hurt a number of people".

A member of the US mission said yesterday: "The US is ready to resume dialogue with the Soviet Union, and as we have said, our proposal remains on the table."

The proposal was outlined by Mr Shultz in his press statement after the Washington talks. As described by him, they represent a considerable diminution of the hard line that the Americans were pressing earlier. Before the Shultz-Shevardnadze talks, the Americans were talking of requiring an indefinite moratorium on the arms supply to Kabul before they would guarantee the Geneva accords. But the new proposal outlined by Mr Shultz said that the arms supply should cease during the period of the withdrawal, "and perhaps three months thereafter, and then potentially extended".

Although this idea was turned down by Mr Shevardnadze, there is clearly sufficient flexibility in the American line to make further talks worthwhile.

There was speculation yesterday that the US would be represented at such talks by Mr Michael Armacost, the deputy secretary of state who has been involved in the peace talks, and the Russians by Mr Yuli Vorontsov, the deputy foreign minister.

In any case Mr Robert Peck, the US deputy assistant secretary of state, who has been in Geneva for consultations during the month-long round of talks, will still be present, as will his opposite number, Mr Nikolai Kozyrev, the Soviet ambassador-at-large.

Mr Zain Noorani, the Pakistan Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, as he entered the Palais des Nations for yesterday's session, approved the plans for taking up the symmetry issue again, saying that it would take a little time to put such negotiations together since each side would need to be briefed and Mr Shevardnadze still had not returned to Moscow.

Mr Noorani also indicated that his Government was now taking a softer line on the interim government at the same time.

He said, in answer to a question from *The Times*, that he would sign the Geneva instruments "if a basic understanding is reached that efforts for the formation of a transitional government would continue even after the signing".

That was nothing new — the problem has been to guarantee that such efforts would indeed continue, but yesterday Mr Noorani said: "There was in the press statements issued in Washington some sort of indication."

He was clearly referring to a statement by Mr Shultz, who said in Washington: "We welcome the development through which Mr Cordovez will, in a personal capacity, be ready to serve as a mediator among the contending Afghan parties."

There was also a briefing by an unnamed senior Washington official, who said that the Cordovez mediation among the Afghans had now received the approval of the Russians, who had been against the idea.

Peshawar — The Afghan secret police, Khad, is thought to have stepped up bombings in Pakistan (Our Correspondent writes). In the past two days, at least four people have been killed and 10 seriously injured by bombings in Peshawar and Karachi and shelling of refugee camps in the North West Frontier Province.

Hungarian haven for those fleeing Ceausescu regime

From Richard Bassett, Budapest

Lukas, aged 22 and with a soldierly bearing, might have made a promising officer. Three weeks ago, as a Romanian border guard, he was patrolling the frontier with Hungary a few miles west of Arad with a detachment of conscripts. Today, after crossing discreetly into Hungary after a night sortie, he is in Budapest.

He has abandoned his profession, his family and his country to escape, along with thousands of others, the rigours of life in President Ceausescu's Romania.

More than a thousand Romanians have asked for political asylum in Hungary in the past two months, according to a spokesman for the Ministry of Interior here.

Since last summer more than 15,000, mostly ethnic Hungarians from the Romanian area of Transylvania, are reported to have crossed into Hungary, a unique example of refugees fleeing into an Eastern European country.

Some of the refugees, such as Lukas, are not ethnic Hungarians but Romanians. Others, who gather each week at a Reform Church in the suburbs of Budapest, are from the German-speaking Saxon minority of Transylvania.

The Hungarian Reform Church has opened its doors to the newcomers since the refugees began arriving last year. Priests act as employment officers, welfare officers and seek accommodation for people who are often forced to change their homes each week and their jobs each day.

The women refugees can find work as cleaners quite often but for the men, often skilled workers and intellectuals, there is a serious shortage of employment unless they are willing to become miners in the collieries of Tatabanya.

Hungarian families in Budapest and the border cities of Szeged and Debrecen have responded, on the whole, with considerable generosity. One priest at a Reform Church was constantly interrupted yesterday by telephone offers of a sofa, bed and money.

Earlier this month, on the initiative of six Hungarian MPs, a 10 billion forint (£110 million) fund was set up to help the refugees.

The Hungarian Red Cross has also responded with donations and appeals for help from the International Red Cross. But the widespread feeling of revulsion which most Hungarians have towards the sad state of their countrymen in Romania has to compete in Budapest with an acute shortage of housing and the soaring cost of living, which inevitably restrict the Hungarians' charity.

Some refugees admit they wish to go to the West, but the avenue of escape through Austria has been restricted in recent months by an Austrian Interior Ministry ruling that ethnic Hungarians from Romania are not eligible for political asylum unless they can prove direct personal persecution.

● **Meeting set:** The Hungarian Communist Party conference is to be held on May 20, it was disclosed last night after a two-day meeting of the central committee in Budapest. But a communiqué issued at the end of the meeting implied that there were still important factional differences over the form of the conference, the first for more than 20 years.

Aid groups fear mass return home of refugees

From Edward Gorman
Torghondhi, Paktia Province, Afghanistan

In the distance, the village of Torghondhi looked much like any Afghan village; the earth-brown, mud-and-timber houses nestled snugly into the folds of the ravine set against the magnificent snow-capped peaks of the Safed Koh range.

It was only when we got up close that we realized that Torghondhi — like its four sister villages strung out on the plain — was deserted.

The houses, which had looked so welcoming from the ridge, were empty, broken shells; the walls and roofs either blown in by bombing or collapsed and rotting with neglect.

Torghondhi, once home to 150 families, is one of thousands of Afghan villages destroyed as part of the Soviet scorched-earth policy. Senior aid officials, long accustomed to channelling their efforts into helping refugees in Pakistan, are, since the Russian decision to withdraw, focusing for the first time on villages like Torghondhi and the estimated seven million people who have fled from them and who are now contemplating a return.

About three million refugees in Pakistan, two million in Iran, and two million so-called "internal refugees" mostly living in Kabul, together constitute the world's biggest refugee population.

Mr Peter Rees, field director of the British charity, Afghanaid, said it would take nine months just to prepare a co-ordinated strategy among private voluntary organizations and the major international donors.

He believes the emergency will last for up to 10 years after the first refugees return. No one knows at what point and in what numbers the Afghans will decide to move. Recent surveys in Pakistan suggest that whole camps — in some cases more than 30,000 people — will decide to go *en masse*.

Mr Rees says, in terms of providing food, transport, seed, temporary shelter, cash, and draught animals, the aid community could cope with, at most, 20 per cent of the refugee population moving back in the first year.

"People will say to themselves, 'I've been here eight years and I'm going and I don't care if there is no food to feed me,' so we are relying on the innate common sense of the Afghan farmer," said Mr Rees.

Moving thousands of tons of seed grain, food and agricultural equipment through Pakistan into Afghanistan will be particularly difficult.

Near Torghondhi the local Mujahidin commander points out that during the war the Russians had dropped mines on the terraced fields and on the nearby wooded hillsides where much of the timber would be cut for rebuilding. These would have to be cleared, he said. He added that families would face acute economic problems in the early years but, he said: "If they are sure that it is peace, they will move soon to their country. They would rather stay here in a tent than live in buildings in Pakistan."

Price tags outrage art dealers

From Charles Bremner, New York

For Mr Angelo Aponte, New York's aggressive new consumer watchdog, there is no difference between a Picasso and a cheese sandwich: the price must be clearly displayed.

Armed with this philosophy, Mr Aponte, Commissioner of Consumer Affairs, has sent his inspectors into the Manhattan art world and unleashed a storm of indignation all the way from the avant-garde basements of the East Village to the luxurious salons of Madison Avenue.

Posting prices, says the art world, is a vulgar intrusion into the confidentiality of the age-old process under which paintings pass from creator to collector. "An art gallery is different in function and spirit from a butcher's shop," wrote Hilton Kramer, the editor of an art magazine, who delivered an impassioned attack on Mr Aponte this week.

Private galleries "provide the public with a free and immensely varied cultural and educational service," said Mr Kramer. "Imagine how you would feel if, when you go to hear an opera or a string quartet, you found the fees of the musicians conspicuously displayed in the programme."

Mr Aponte thinks otherwise. He decided to enforce a 1971 city law requiring the display of prices on all retail items because "price manipulation" was endemic in the art world, he said.

The city cleaned up the auction business a few years earlier, but the Consumer Affairs Department says galleries prey on ignorant customers and setting prices according to the cut of their clothes. The middle class are "entitled to know what their purchases will buy them without being subject to the vagaries of mystery, theatre and snobbery", Mr Aponte said.

Of 58 galleries inspected at random since the law was enforced on March 1, 17 were prosecuted for failure to display prices.

Some dealers have complained of unfair tactics, saying that the inspectors were so disreputable in appearance that they caused alarm.

"I thought they were two punks out to hit a major art gallery," one print dealer complained to *The Wall Street Journal*. "They gave me the creeps. I told the girls: 'Watch these guys closely and don't give them any information'."

The gist of the dealers' outrage is that price tags will attract thieves and lay bare the mystique by which artists and collectors acquire and safeguard their reputations.

"This is just not the way the business works," said one Madison Avenue gallery manager, who would not allow his name to be used. "It's a very private process. You don't want everyone to go around gossiping about much you paid for a painting."

Dealers questioned by *The Times* asked for their criticism to remain anonymous. Their champion, Mr Kramer, who edits the *New Criterion*, said: "The ruling will contribute nothing to the stabilization of art prices, but it will add yet more fuel to the wave of titillation and financial voyeurism that is already flourishing."

Underlying the disgust in the art world is a feeling that the city bureaucracy is trying to interfere for other reasons. "If... people wish to purchase expensive opera tickets or drive around town in a Jaguar, it is none of Mr Aponte's business," said Mr Kramer.

Miss Miriam Garron, a member of Mr Aponte's staff, dismissed Mr Kramer's view. "We just want to show people how much these things cost. Having a price fixed isn't going to disturb someone's aesthetic experience."

Sarney wins constitutional fight for strong executive

From Mac Margolis, Rio de Janeiro

After 13 months of caustic debate and repeated confrontation between the legislature and the executive, the Brazilian Constituent Assembly has handed President Sarney his most significant political victory in three embattled years of government.

In a surprising decision that is expected to strengthen the President's hand, the legislators who are crafting the country's new constitution voted by a wide margin to uphold the country's presidential system of government and, by a narrower count, to create a five-year mandate for future Presidents. The Constituent Assembly voted 344 to 212, with only three abstentions, to approve the amendment that gives sweeping powers to the chief executive.

The "presidentialists" preempted a move to establish a parliamentary form of government under which future Presidents would have to divide their authority with a powerful Prime Minister.

Observers attribute the victory to intensive 11th-hour lobbying by Senhor Sarney and the military. They argued that the country's young democracy, with its weak party structure, was not prepared for the rigours of a parliamentary system.

"The Government engaged in an unabashed vote-by-vote negotiation. This victory was won in the last three or four days," said Senhor Walder de Goes, a political scientist.

Many congressmen denounced the vote as a step backward for democracy, and the influential São Paulo senator, Senhor Fernando Henrique Cardoso, led a bloc of legislators to break from the country's leading Brazilian Democratic Movement party, for "abandoning its commitment to the people". The victory may give the President the political muscle to tackle soaring inflation, about 18 per cent a month, and negotiate the $115 billion (£60 billion) foreign debt.

"The banks are worried about committing to a 20-year programme to refinance the debt without some sort of solid economic programme," said a senior official at European Bank. "The President may now feel he's in a position to take unpopular measures."

But the Constituent Assembly has still to vote on the length of Senhor Sarney's own mandate. Polls show overwhelming public support for cutting the mandate to four years and holding elections as soon as November.

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Hong Kong

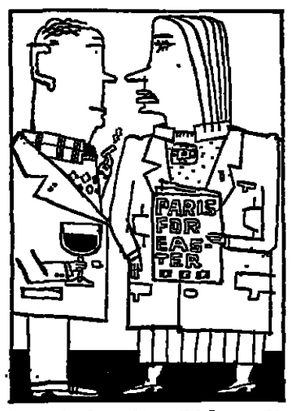
The Hong Kong rugby sevens tournament has become an institution – but rather an ambiguous one. On one hand, the event is a marvellous example of Hong Kong flair, and much cherished here, as you expect from the event's full title, the Cathay Pacific Hongkong Bank Invitation Sevens. On the other, it can be seen as a hideous example of expat grossness. The basic good-heartedness of the event was perilously close to being lost as a hysterical atmosphere overcame the ground. One streaker is often good evidence that an event is getting out of hand, and last year at the sevens there were four, one of them perhaps the ugliest person ever created. The mass drunkenness – with a number of tipplers obviously under-age – gave the whole event an edgy feel. A lengthy pitch invasion was close to being the last straw.

So the Hong Kong RFU is doing their damnedest to restore the event's niceness. They are beefing up the number of stewards and police, and several of the players have been involved in a spot of missionary work. They are going on a series of school visits, telling the pupils to be good chaps and not to get plastered and run on the pitch. The whole event might just be on the verge of getting too big for its own good. It is on trial this weekend.

The Hong Kong sevens is a great *Gweilo* shindig – *Gweilo* means ghost person, and the Cantonese term for a European. To the colony's five million Cantonese, rugby is a complete mystery. The Chinese have never been encouraged to play the game in Hong Kong, though elsewhere they have taken to it: the sevens include a team from Taiwan, Kuang-Hua Taipei, and the Singapore team will have four Chinese. But this will probably be the total Chinese population in the stadium: the Hong Kong Chinese will have more important things to do today, like racing at Happy Valley. This is a sport the Hong Kong Chinese love to distraction, and every autumn when the racing season starts the Hang Seng Index tumbles as the intrepid stock market punters change their gambling mean. There are eight races today, with such auspiciously named beasts as Constant Win, Money Maker, Money Flavour and Silver Abacus duelling for mastery. On Wednesday, one of the runners was bizarrely named Mediocre. It came second. It must be hard to shout "Come on Mediocre."

Far from home I might be, but mere distance will not prevent me from giving you the by now statutory Eddie Edwards story. Yes, the Eagle will be the star attraction at the Colne Dynamos annual "Sportsman Dinner". The Dynamos are in the Bass North West Counties League, and play the second leg of their FA Vase semi-final today. Still, clearly they are no Eddie Edwards team. The dinner will be held on April 11, and already the club has sold just under 400 tickets at £25 each. Last year they had Bobby Robson, but his achievements cannot compare with Eddie's. The Dynamos' manager, Graham White, said: "The interest in Edwards is clearly of a different kind, but in his own way he is just as big an attraction."

BARRY FANTONI



'We only planned to go P&O to avoid the air controllers' work-to-rule'

The extraordinary row between the German soccer team, FC Homburg, and the West German Football Federation shows no sign of abating. Homburg saw an end to their financial troubles when they acquired a splendid shirt sponsorship – but the federation threw up its hands in horror at the idea. For the sponsor's product is a brand of contraceptive. This, the federation decided, was "an offence to public morals," and promptly banned the club from sporting the hated name on shirts or on hoardings around the ground. But Homburg needed the money rather badly: so they went ahead and wore shirts bearing the banned name, in a league match against Nuremberg. They await the reaction of the federation with some interest.

Really, I wonder, is anyone in sport as obnoxious as the modern tennis superstar? Hana Mandlikova has been in trouble for her attempt to wallop a line judge with a tennis ball: her reaction after she had received a penalty point for throwing her racket. Her comment afterwards had all the charm one would expect from today's tennis stars: "I am not sorry. It's unbelievable she made that call. It was a crucial point and I couldn't get it out of my mind." The only thing the modern tennis player seems to feel guilty about is losing tennis matches – though British girls are different. They feel guilty if they win, of course.

My own perennial favourite for the Hong Kong sevens are Fiji. George Simkin, a New Zealander and the former technical adviser to the Fijian RFU, said: "Their enthusiasm is incredible. It's not unusual for a club not to own a rugby ball and be forced to practise with a coconut." Fiji play sumptuous, free-flowing rugby and sevens is their natural game. In Fiji, local sevens tournaments often attract 150 teams. It is a rugby-mad nation that believes above all that rugby is a game for flair and imagination. That is not always the case in England.

Dundee: Nicholas Fairbairn on Labour's self-inflicted wound

Kinnock's craven silence

It's all over. Mr Ron Todd of the TGWU has callously thrown overboard up to 1,000 jobs in Dundee. Furthermore, he has deprived Scotland of thousands of consequential jobs in commercial and service industries in Perthshire and beyond and diverted other future investment for Scotland.

But most of all he has deprived not only Scotland but Great Britain of the jewel in the crown of the international motor car industry, for the Ford plant which will now go to another European country is no ordinary component outfit: it will build the electronic engines of the future.

Like some arrogant Roman emperor, Todd has turned his thumbs down on Dundee and Gavin Laird, leader of the engineering workers' union, to save 12 unions at Dagenham. He should ponder whether, in the process of indulging his perceived view of the interests of the union movement generally, he has not turned his thumbs down on his beloved unions at Dagenham as well.

But Todd's attitude, however apparently inhuman and unpatriotic, is as predictable as the instinct of a prehensile ape, so perhaps we may comprehend, if in no way forgive, his crass short-sightedness. But not so Neil Kinnock's, which at first sight seems incomprehensible, as does the silence of Labour MPs generally, particularly those from Scotland.

For five long months when Todd's Luddite attitude was withholding this great industrial prize from the grasp of Scotland's most stricken city, the leader of the Opposition, who is sponsored by the blessed Mr Todd's TGWU, said nothing and did nothing. Nor did any of the many other TGWU-sponsored Labour MPs – Scottish, English or Welsh – or any of the 50 Scottish Labour members.

Worse than that: two weeks ago Mr Kinnock went to Perth in my constituency, at the eastern end of which the Ford plant was to be built, to address the Scottish Labour Party conference. But neither he, nor any of the eight TGWU-sponsored Scottish Labour MPs nor any of the assembled autocrats of the TGWU said one word or did one thing to avert the impending calamity.

They made not one attempt to obtain Todd's agreement, however grudging and belated, to allow Ford to go ahead with a single-union agreement and, most important of all, not to black its products once it did.

Indeed, throughout the entire conference the matter was so taboo that it was forbidden to be debated, and was not debated. If Todd played the role of Caesar, Kinnock played the role of Pontius Pilate, and the Scottish Labour Party played the part of a jeering crowd in the crucifixion of the city of Dundee.

One might charitably have given Messrs Todd and Kinnock the reluctant benefit of a fanciable doubt that Ford were bluffing all along and might succumb to Todd's bullying. But even after Ford had signed the writ of execution last week, indeed even when Todd put two fingers to the TUC vote to recognize the single-union agreement by vowing to black Ford's production for all time coming, Kinnock and the Labour Party sat dumb and did nothing and the Scottish Labour Party resorted to a whimpering attempt to blame Malcolm Rifkind, Secretary of State for Scotland, whose vital enthusiasm – along with Gavin Laird's – had won the prize of Ford for Dundee against the most passionate competition from all over Britain and Europe in the first place.

So here was the leader of the Opposition, who had fought two elections on the issue of unemployment and industrial decline – and as a result last year had a triumphant election success in Scotland – who was unwilling, unable and evidently disinclined to persuade his sponsor not to sabotage the achievement of major industrial development and employment in Dundee. Moreover, by remaining so determinedly silent, he was publicly symbolizing the Labour movement for all foreseeable time as the enemy of employment and the enemy of Scotland, which is temporarily his strongest electoral base.

How, everybody keeps asking me, could Kinnock so wilfully commit his Scots centurions to inevitable death at the hands of the electorate, for the Scots have long and bitter memories and they will never forgive Labour for the lynching of Dundee.

The answer seems to me to confound and override even Todd's pig-headedness. Kinnock is not only sponsored as an MP by Mr Todd; he is also leader of the Labour Party by courtesy of Mr Todd's 1.25 million block vote. If anyone was surprised by Mr Benn's challenge to his leadership it certainly wasn't Mr Kinnock.

Knowing, or genuinely fearing, a challenge to his feeble and feckless leadership from whence so ever it came was one man whose favour Kinnock dare not flout, whose actions he dare not challenge and whose insensitivity towards industrial workers he dare not oppose, and that man is Mr Todd with a block vote which he tips in Kinnock's direction. So Kinnock sat gagged and impotent, grinning and fustile, like a kidnap victim with a gun at his back.

By not speaking against Ford's TGWU sand-bagger, he may have kept his lucrative job as leader of the Opposition, but the price he has paid to keep that job is to sacrifice the jobs of a thousand Scottish families and many other families throughout the nation as well.

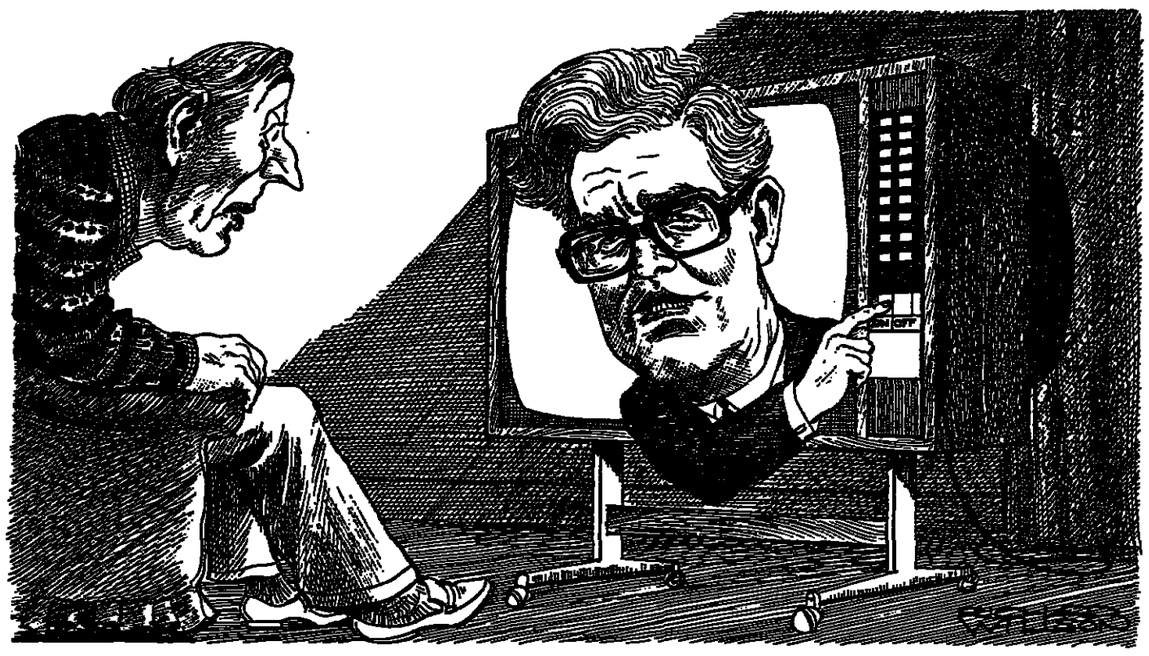
I say "may" have kept his lucrative job because Mr Todd may come to recall that while Mr Kinnock did not condemn his action he did not defend it either, and he might just reckon the boy's gone soft and gun him down too.

One thing is certain. However long Mr Todd tolerates Mr Kinnock by paying out his members' cheques that helped secure him his job, the only job Mr Kinnock will ever have in Parliament will be leader of the Opposition.

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James Curran

Thatcherism switched off



Within the next 18 months, the British public will have more English language TV channels than national daily papers to choose from. The technology also now exists for a cheat-proof system allowing people to pay directly for what they view in much the same way that they subscribe to a newspaper or magazine. The way is thus open for a Conservative administration to remodel TV on the same lines as the press: private enterprise, competitive and unregulated.

So far, the Home Secretary, Douglas Hurd, shows no signs of wanting to move in this direction. The ground is not being prepared for breaking up the BBC into independent, separately financed companies; ITV is not about to be liberated from the IBA's interventionist regulation (although this may come).

The only step the Government has taken so far to weaken the TV duopoly is to call on the BBC and ITV to commission 25 per cent of their programmes from independent production companies. The evidence to date suggests that even this reform will be largely frustrated by the proliferation of "house" companies which are independent only in name.

The Government's policy towards the new TV industries also reveals few traces of its free market convictions. Cable TV in Britain is subject to numerous obligations from which its counterpart in the US is free. British-based satellite television is being forced into a public service mould: its remit is to inform as well as entertain, display good taste, and be accurate and balanced in its news coverage.

The Government is also taking active steps to bring to heel commercial consortia operating from countries such as Luxembourg which will be transmitting TV programmes to Britain. Through the Council of Europe Convention, it is seeking to impose "programme standards" on satellite relayed programmes.

These moves towards regulation are partly inspired by the belief that unfettered competition will drive down programme standards and narrow consumer choice. This essentially anti-market view is being reinforced by a growing desire within the Tory party to prevent increasing displays of violence and indecency on television which, it is widely believed, unbridled competition would promote.

This concern has already given rise to the introduction of extensive censorship of videos. It will find new expression in the establishment of a Government-appointed Broadcasting Standards Council, whose role will be to put pressure on the broadcasting authorities to impose stricter guidelines on sex and violence. If it is largely ignored, like the Press Council, ministerial statements indicate that it may well be given teeth.

Even when the Government appears to be bowing to commercial pressures, things are not quite what they seem. Thus, the Government's recent announcement that three new commercial radio channels are to be created and handed over to the highest bidders appears, on the face of it, to be an unprecedented exercise in "market democracy". But in reality, the auction will be rigged because only cheques engraved with a picture of Lord Reith will be accepted.

To be eligible to take part, bidders must propose plans for "a diverse programme service calculated to appeal to a variety of tastes and interests and not limited to a single format". This is a remarkable injunction. It harks back to the days of confident, cultural leadership before competition in the form of pirate radio stations propelled the BBC to introduce Radio One with its single format of almost continuous pop music.

The Government's conflict over the competing claims of paternalism and the free market is mirrored within the ranks of the Opposition. One consequence of the revisionist debate that is taking place within the Labour Party is that its commitment to traditional public service broadcasting is being openly challenged by advocates of the "radical market".

One small but influential lobby now argues that a large public corporation like the BBC has little to do with a contemporary conception of socialism. The BBC is too closely linked to the state, the argument runs. It is also unresponsive to public demands, giving extensive radio airtime to "worthwhile" middle-class minority interests but tending to neglect those of working-class minorities, particularly in the area of music.

Their solution is to maximize the number of competing radio outlets with the minimum of public regulation. Intervention would take the form not of conventional authorities regulating programme content but of enterprise boards which would assist the weak and under-resourced to enter the market and compete.

In the style of born-again converts, they also propose tough anti-monopoly measures which would preserve competition and consumer choice. The Conservatives, they argue, cannot be trusted to maintain the purity of the market because they have too cosy a relationship with powerful media conglomerates.

Left-wing blueprints have also been advanced for the complete reorganization of television, including the break-up of the BBC. They are mostly founded on the assumption that a rapid expansion of cable TV stations, linked to the modernization of telecommunications, would create the basis for a genuinely "open", competitive system in which TV companies would have greater opportunities to screen their programmes and consumers would have a much wider choice.

So far their arguments have failed to convince traditionalists within the Labour Party who are committed to defending the existing broadcasting system. Labour traditionalists differ from their counterparts within the Conservative Party only in two significant ways.

They want an independent review body to advise the Government about appointments to the BBC board of governors and other broadcasting authorities as a way of increasing the distance between broadcasting and the state. They also advocate, unlike most Conservatives, a European agreement that will limit the amount of low-cost American programmes that can be transmitted by satellite. This would mean rebuilding the protectionist wall that currently "defends" British public service broadcasting: both the BBC and the IBA limit TV programmes made outside the European Community to 40 per cent of transmission time.

In reality, both the Conservative and Labour parties are split over broadcasting. There are points of affinity: between Labour's libertarian left and the new right of the Conservative Party. But both are outnumbered by the traditionalists in their parties, who fear that "the best broadcasting system in the world" could be undermined by too many changes, and who remain convinced that public regulation is needed to ensure that there are still quality programmes, not just wall-to-wall *Dallas*, to choose from.

It is this view, one of the few surviving elements of the old political consensus, which is likely to shape the future of British broadcasting.

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The third edition of James Curran's book, Power Without Responsibility: The Press and Broadcasting in Britain *(with Jean Seaton) has just been published by Routledge (£8.95).*

Commentary • MICHAEL KINSLEY

Off the hook craftily

Washington

Not so long ago, American conservatives used to fret that the US justice system was "soft on crime". They were outraged at the ability of clever lawyers to "get criminals off on technicalities". Ed Meese, the Attorney-General, famously remarked: "You don't have many suspects who are innocent. That's contradictory." The criminal travails of people in and around the Reagan administration have changed all that.

Meese himself, under suspicion of a variety of criminal offences, has hired the attorney Nathan Lewin, one of America's most prominent specialists in getting criminals off on technicalities. Lewin complained recently in *The New York Times* that Meese has been denied the presumption of innocence because people are reaching their own conclusions without waiting for any indictment.

This is touching, but confused. Justice requires the judge and jury to presume a person is innocent unless and until convicted. It also requires them to suspend their disbelief and presume that a lawyer like Lewin sincerely believes his client is as innocent as a newborn lamb. We can examine the evidence and draw our own conclusions.

To take another example, there is almost no dispute at all about the *facts* in the 101-page indictment filed last week against four members of the Iran-Contra brigade: Oliver North, John Poindexter, Albert Hakim and Richard Secord. They are entitled to a trial, of course, and they may well get off. But innocence is the least of the reasons the American justice system chooses not to convict people. In the hands of a top-price lawyer, American justice offers something better than a fair trial: an unfair trial.

President Reagan has already exonerated Robert McFarlane, his former National Security Adviser, who last week, in Reagan's words, "just pleaded guilty to not telling Congress everything it wanted to know" – adding: "I've done that myself." Yes, that's what he pleaded guilty to, but that is not what he did, which was to lie. Knowing about North's activities, McFarlane told the House Intelligence Committee that he had "thoroughly examined . . . all matters which in any remote fashion could bear upon these charges" and could "state with deep personal conviction" that no one on his staff had ever solicited funds or support for the Contras.

However much the Iran-Contra Four may have stolen, cheated and lied, they might get off simply on their lawyers' plea that the special prosecutor in the case was unconstitutionally appointed. They have another weapon in the immunity granted for their testimony at last summer's congressional hearings. As a result, prosecutors have had to go to almost comic lengths, such as not reading the newspapers, to avoid acquiring information. Even so, the defence will argue that every bit of evidence is tainted.

The situation is just like that caused by the Supreme Court's "exclusionary rule," widely loathed by conservatives, which forbids the use of evidence derived from an illegal search. Valuable evidence is banned, for reasons having nothing to do with guilt or innocence, and the guilty sometimes get off.

North is threatening to subpoena Reagan and Vice-President Bush, partly in the expectation that they will assert executive privilege and refuse to testify. This would enable his lawyers to assert that he has been denied information vital for his defence. Maybe this will work. But it won't make him innocent.

Another way the guilty sometimes get off is through prosecutorial ineptitude. Ineptitude is the kindest interpretation of the way Meese gave North and Poindexter time to destroy piles of evidence after they knew the Justice Department was on to them. We shall never know what was in those documents, but we can make the obvious inference: you don't hold a shredding party if there's nothing to hide.

Besides the special advantages of their particular case, the Iran-Contra defendants will enjoy the usual lean-over-backward protections of American justice: the requirement of proof beyond a reasonable doubt and the built-in wild card of a jury that must convict unanimously.

Don't get me wrong. The four defendants are entitled to a trial every bit as unfair as they can afford. That's the American way. What they are not entitled to is a "Get Out of Jail Free" card in the public mind. We have the evidence – including evidence the jury will never hear – and neither law nor logic says we cannot convict.

This newfound conservative passion for the rights of criminals could lead down all sorts of promising avenues of social progress. Next, perhaps, they will have the opportunity to take up prison reform.

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SCIENCE REPORT

Tree testimony

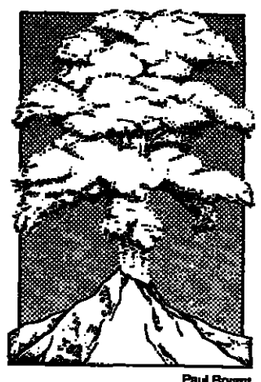
A new analysis of a tree-ring archive stretching back more than 7,000 years dates the cataclysmic volcanic eruption of Santorini in the Aegean at precisely 1628 BC. M.G.L. Baillie and M.A.R. Munro at Queen's University, Belfast, describe their estimate in this week's *Nature*.

The date of the eruption is especially important because of suggestions that it may have been a factor in ending the Minoan civilization. The agreement between the new tree-ring date and others recently obtained by other means suggests that the date is being narrowed down.

Santorini, an island 60 miles north of Crete, owes its atoll-like shape to a Bronze Age volcano that deposited on it a layer of pumice and ash 22ft thick, expunging several villages and ejecting up to 1,000 billion cubic feet of rock.

The remnant of the exploded volcano is a hole 35 sq miles and 1,000ft deep. The eruption, reckoned to be one of the most violent of the past few thousand years – on a par with the Krakatoa eruption of 1883 – would have caused a tidal wave that may have damaged Minoan Crete.

The volcanic ash and other ejecta scattered across the globe also had lasting effects on the environment. The dating of the event by tree-rings is possible because the sudden injection of dust into the atmosphere reduced the amount of sunlight, in turn reducing plant growth. This shows in tree-ring records as the presence of narrower rings than usual.



Paul Bryant

Fallout of acidic ash can also be measured in ice cores, laminated natural calendars in glaciated areas such as Greenland and Antarctica, where ice is laid down in a regular annual rhythm.

Both tree-rings and ice cores have already been used to pinpoint the date of the Santorini eruption. Danish workers writing in *Nature* last year estimated 1645 BC, plus or minus seven years, based on acid fallout concentrations in the ice of southern Greenland. Earlier estimates based on ice core work and cultural correlations varied from between 1390-1500 BC.

A research group in Arizona had previously reported an estimate of between 1628 BC and 1626 BC, drawing connections between frost damage in bristlecone pines and the atmospheric effects of volcanic dust. Bristlecone pines, native to the western United States, jointly hold the record for longevity in the natural world; trees that were saplings at the time of the Santorini eruption are still alive today.

On that basis, researchers in the US have compiled an absolute chronology stretching back continuously for 8,681 years. This was augmented in 1984 by a 7,272-year chronology for northern Europe based on the long-lived and hardy bog oak of Ulster.

Although bog oaks do not live as long as bristlecone pines, the Ulster chronology is based on overlapping records of rings from trees of different periods and lifespans. Records from scraps of fossil wood, old trees and building timbers can be compared and matched with the database.

Different bog oaks in Northern Ireland show significant patterns of ring narrowing that correlate with volcanic eruptions. A first survey by Baillie and Munro of 22 ring patterns from the decade of the 1620s BC showed that some trees had unusually narrow rings. Other records from the same decade showed anomalously little springtime wood growth.

Poor climate usually affects only summertime growth in bog oaks. Conditions bad enough to affect spring growth as well are so rare that their concurrence in several contemporaneous records cannot be coincidence.

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A SHIFT IN TIME

British Summer Time restarts tonight, adjusting the diurnal rhythm of the nation to take advantage of long evenings and early dawns. Meanwhile in the Home Office, the question is posed: should British clocks ever go back? Should Greenwich Mean Time be shunted to the same sidelines of history as that other Greenwich favourite, the *Cutty Sark*? Sadly for all temporal romantics, the answer has to be affirmative. The country must brace itself for a final settlement to one of the most divisive social issues of the century.

It is 20 years since the Wilson Government introduced its three-year experiment with British Standard Time, which kept the country one hour ahead of GMT between 1968 and 1971. It was abandoned, amid controversy, after a free vote in the Commons.

The fresh impetus has derived from Britain's membership of the European Community. Not only are most other members one hour ahead of Britain, but they end their own summer time arrangements one month earlier each year. The European Commission, rightly mindful of 1992 when so many aspects of European life are to be harmonized, is pressing for Britain to come into line with the Continent by 1990.

The Commission's modest objective has been to persuade this country to end BST every year at the end of September (instead of October) — a change which would certainly be unpopular in Britain because it would seem to hasten the onset of winter. There is, however, a grander option which would more than meet the European objective, while avoiding a dramatic plunge into the autumn dusk.

This is to take BST as the temporal base, and move to Double British Summer Time (DBST) from late March to the end of September. This would synchronize clocks precisely throughout Western Europe — assuming that the Irish Republic and Portugal (who are also on GMT) did the same. It is this option which the Government is discussing with interested parties and which deserves support.

Those organizations which are anxious for change include the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents (Rospa), the Confederation of British Industry (CBI) and the Development Commission for Rural England (DCRE). Rospa, launching its own campaign this week, quoted official Transport and Road Research Laboratory figures which suggest that nearly 600 deaths and serious injuries on the roads could be avoided every year if an hour of winter daylight were moved from the start of the day to the end of it — when statistics suggest that drivers and pedestrians are most careless. This would seem to apply particularly to children, who are travelling to and from school at those times.

The industrial argument is that British businessmen are out of phase with their European counterparts for at least four hours in every eight-hour day — in the morning, on either side of lunchtime and at night. Meanwhile, the DCRE and others, argue not only that lighter evenings would help tourism and the burgeoning leisure industries but that opinion polls have shown a clear majority in favour of switching.

Opinion is admittedly far from unanimous. Apart from those who would like to retain GMT for sentimental or nationalistic reasons, there are others who would feel an understandable sense of grievance. These include farmers, building workers and others who traditionally start work early out-of-doors. For them, dark winter mornings might be not only unpleasant but dangerous. A critical reaction might also be anticipated in Ireland (and perhaps Wales and the West Country) where the sun arrives and departs later anyway; and in Scotland where winter days are that much shorter.

According, however, to Dr Mayer Hillman, a senior research fellow at the Policy Studies Institute in London who is nearing the end of the first full independent study of the matter, the evidence supporting the case for change is overwhelming. In energy costs alone it should save £100m a year. He points out that the plight of the farmer has been eased by the growing custom of keeping cows in sheds at night for six months of the year — thus avoiding the need to round them up for milking in the dark. As for building workers, he says, they might follow the Scandinavian practice of starting one hour later in the winter.

The Home Office has narrowed down the options to two. One of these is to keep things as they are. The other is to move to the BST/BDST model and thereby create a European time zone. There is a period of 12 months grace after which a decision must be made. But the social and industrial arguments for making better use of daylight hours are compelling. The country should not shrink from taking an historic step forward in time.

IF THE PHONE MAN DOESN'T CALL

By next spring, telephone users will have achieved a remarkable advance. British Telecom has agreed to make compensation payments to customers if, because of its own inefficiency, it does not repair faults within two days or meet agreed connection times.

To most customers, this offer must still seem like a dream. Under a nationalized monopoly responsible to Parliament rather than directly to consumers, such a commitment would indeed have been inconceivable. The culture of the public sector made it impossible to achieve these standards of service.

It is a measure of the change of culture at BT that Professor Bryan Carsberg, the director-general of Oftel, was able to press BT to accept these responsibilities without a full-scale battle. It also demonstrates the success of combining competition and tough-minded regulation to give the public a better deal from utilities with a strong monopolistic element.

It is too easy to identify the upsurge of complaints against BT — and the seemingly endless battles against consumer bodies and the regulator — with the privatizing of a state monopoly. In the run-up to privatization, BT certainly went too far in its conversion to commercial aggression. It did so at the expense of customers, suppliers and fringe rivals. Later, it put too much emphasis on cutting costs to meet the price control formula imposed under it license. This was at the expense of standards of service.

More important for the long term, however, the upsurge in complaints against BT has demonstrated a change in consumers' expectations. BT's customers have raised their demands for a decent service at reasonable prices and know that the means now exist to meet those demands.

Professor Carsberg has ingeniously used his powers to foster what might so easily have proved only nominal competition. He has tried to ensure that the need for BT's main domestic rival, Mercury Communications, to connect with BT services bolsters competition rather than hinders it.

Although in the business telephone market, competition alone has forced both Mercury and BT to embrace the prospect of compensation for failure to meet installation deadlines, BT has accepted that principle elsewhere because it knows that Oftel is now considering the elements of a new pricing formula. Performance standards could have been imposed had BT not accepted the deal.

BT is also now more confident that better equipment and improved efficiency make such targets achievable. Thinking among top BT management has progressed even to the extent that it sees unavoidable externally-imposed targets as a help in its efforts to improve efficiency. The call-box scandal has proved a particularly salutary lesson. For years, far too many telephone kiosks have been out of order. Given a deadline to have 90 per cent operating, which seemed impossible only two months ago, BT has been obliged to raise its efforts and looks likely to achieve its goal.

So far similar improvements have barely started at British Gas, mainly because it was privatized with less stress on competition and much lighter regulation. Even here, however, industrial customers have started to use both Brussels and Ofgas (via its powers of reference to the Monopolies Commission) to redress long-standing grievances.

New tests will soon come with the privatization of water and sewerage and electricity supply. Consumers must hope that the Environment Secretary and the Energy Secretary have fully absorbed the lessons British Telecom is now beginning to learn.

SERIOUS MONEY

France is to throw lower-case modesty to the winds and adopt a new symbol for its undervalued currency. Come the autumn, the French franc (ff) will go into the safe for the last time, and on to the counter will come the Franc, a majestically styled capital F with a double crossbar through it, ready to hold its own with the pound sterling and the dollar on international finance boards.

If currency symbols say anything about national character and mood, the demise of the ff heralds the end of the willowy, effete ffrenchman gesticulating in despair about the plight of his native land. In his place will stand the sound, upstanding, self-assured Frenchman, the Mitterrand-Chirac composite that betokens today's France. That, at least is what France's politicians and financiers must hope for: a serious symbol denoting serious money for a newly serious people.

At present, only the pound sterling and the dollar have the status and solidity that are conferred by an internationally recognized symbol. The pound has had its £ — the embellished L with cross bar — for the best part of three centuries; the now standard second crossbar has been common for nearly two. The dollar, a design believed to be derived from the motif on the Spanish Pieces of Eight, has been around for nearly as long. Both have come to symbolize real countries — and real money.

Other nations, whether through lack of tradition or lack of imagination, content themselves with initial letters of the alphabet for their currency. The DM and the Rouble have outward solidity without style or substance. The Italian Lira's L is a travesty of that country's spirit. When Italy removes the surplus noughts from its currency it should compensate by adding a flourish or two to its lira sign.

Yet others have borrowed the symbols of more highly-valued currencies in an attempt to bestow upon their own coinage a respectability — and a convertibility level — it might not otherwise have. The attempt — as with the Australian and Hong Kong dollars and the Turkish lira — is rarely a complete success.

More successful than bland initials or borrowed symbols, as the French have recognized, is the letter crossed through once or twice to ensure that it is interpreted not as letter or number but as something else. The Japanese yen, and now the Chinese yuan too, have adopted this course. The crossbars on the pound may have been introduced for this reason. Now France is double-crossing its new F. The result is elegant and tastefully restrained — very French.

The task before France now is to match coin to symbol and give the weight to the Franc that francs — smaller and lighter than British pounds and pence — still lack. To do this, however, will cost money — and money, whether francs or Francs, is what the French exchequer must be short of. Why else would it want to enhance the image of the franc?

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Nato's other nuclear area

From Dr G. Divita

Sir, All available reports on the recent Nato conference assume the German theatre to be the only deployment area of Nato nuclear artillery in continental Europe. No mention has been made of another major deployment of nuclear guns: in north-east Italy. Its strategic purpose is to hold the "Ljubljana Gap" between the Alps and the Adriatic sea — the classic route from the Danubian plain to the Po valley and central Mediterranean, in the Middle Ages and in the First World War.

The ordnance includes batteries of self-propelled 8-inch M109 guns, known in Italy as M120s, with W48 nuclear warheads and 12-mile range; the newer nuclear-capable FH70 7-inch pieces, whose 26-foot barrel allows a 19-mile range; and, probably, stores of nuclear mines, to be eventually placed in underground sites, already prepared along possible lines of enemy advance.

Surveying the scenario of atomic weapons in Italy, it may be noted that both the cruise in Sicily, now to be dismantled, and the F16, soon to be deployed in southern Italy, are wings of the United States Air Force, and the Italian General Staff has no operational authority on them.

On the contrary, the nuclear ordnance in the Friuli region belongs to the 27 Field Artillery Regiment — with HQ at Oderzo, 30 miles north of Venice — which is a unit of the Fifth Corps of the Italian Army.

Yours faithfully,
GIULIO DIVITA,
Clare College, Cambridge.
March 10.

Spiritual delight

From Mr L. Stanley

Sir, In view of the recent publicity accorded in your columns to the Thyssen-Bornemiszma collection and the Villa Favorita, it might be worth mentioning the following:

At the entrance to the galleries at Lugano, the visitor is welcomed by a beautiful inscription in German — *Schönheit is die freieste Wohnung der Seele*. This translates something like, "It is amidst beauty that the soul attains the greatest freedom".

I do not know if this is an original quotation or whether they are Baron Thyssen's (or his father's) own words.

The baron mentioned during one of his interviews that he contemplates any one of his pictures for 20 to 30 minutes at a time. The sentence aptly sums up the spiritual delight such beauty must evoke in him and every individual fortunate enough to cast his eyes on this superb collection.

Yours faithfully,
L. STANLEY,
32 Burton Court,
Franklin's Row, SW3.
March 23.

Child benefit loss

From Ms Fran Bennett

Sir, Much of the post-Budget commentary has concentrated on its distributional effects as between rich and poor. Little has been written about its impact on the balance of the tax burden between families and the childless (known in the jargon as "horizontal equity").

Yet the Budget increase in personal tax allowances of double the rate of inflation will be followed by a freeze in child benefit in April. As Tony Marlow, MP, pointed out recently, the effect of the tax cuts and the child-benefit freeze combined is to take money away from those with children and give it to those without children.

In the past, this Government has acknowledged that, since the abolition of child tax allowances, child benefit is the only recognition within our tax/benefits system of the extra costs faced by those bringing up children. Yet the failure to uprate child benefit this year will mean families falling further behind the childless in the amount of tax-free income they enjoy.

This seems a paradoxical outcome for a Government which has recently been highlighting the "moral support" it gives to the family.

Yours sincerely,
FRAN BENNETT, Coordinator,
Save Child Benefit.
1-5 Bath Street, EC1.
March 24.

Airport opposed

From Sir Colin Buchanan

Sir, Your leader of March 19, "Crowds overhead", which was discussed at the annual general meeting yesterday of the Friends of the Vale of Aylesbury, appeared to accept the need for yet another airport in the South-east. It was dismissive of the opposition on environmental grounds which might come from the "Sussex and Buckinghamshire light infantry".

Light infantry indeed! Armoured divisions would be a better description! Any proposal for an airport in or affecting the Vale of Aylesbury will be contested with the same anger and vigour which 16 years ago defeated the ill-advised proposal to site the third London airport at Cublington, in the Vale, and which was displayed a few years later when the same proposal was resurrected under the name of Hoggeston. Sir, you are much in error to think that the prospect of being deprived of "flights to Torremolinos or Toronto" would cause us to stand by and watch the desecration of the Vale by an airport.

Simply to push the proposal on to someone else's patch would miss the point. The issue here is not solely the demand and supply of flying facilities. The issue concerns the face of England and what sort of face it should be in the nation's best long-term interests.

More especially it concerns the face of the south-east quarter of England where, as a result of the growing imbalance of wealth between north and south, there are ominous signs of suburban pock-marking taking place on an unprecedented scale, to the detriment of our best-loved asset of all — the English countryside.

Yours etc,
COLIN BUCHANAN (President, Friends of the Vale of Aylesbury),
Appletree House,
Lincombe Lane,
Boars Hill, Oxford.
March 20.

Cot death and electronic monitors

From Dr M. P. Samuels and Dr D. P. Southall

Sir, We are concerned to read of the increase in the number of cot deaths that occurred in 1986, as reported by your Science Correspondent (March 18). However, we feel that it is important to point out that no study has shown that these deaths can be prevented by using "an electronic monitor which sounds an alarm if the baby stops breathing".

The fact that the Cot Death Society has monitored 628 infants with this monitor without a cot death occurring is not evidence that the monitors prevent death. The incidence of cot death is around two per thousand births and therefore only one cot death might have been expected in this small sample.

Mrs Howe, of the Cot Death Society, states that "many of the babies have stopped breathing more than 100 times" and in the society's literature it is stated that "indisputably the only chance for survival of a baby suffering from apnoea is a respiration monitor", but our experience has taught us that these alarms, occurring as a result of absent breathing movements, need to be validated by recording of breathing movements, airflow into the lungs and blood oxygen levels.

The word breathing in the context of the respiration monitor recommended by the Cot Death Society merely refers to the detection of movement of the abdomen and does not refer to the adequacy of oxygen stores in the lungs, an absence of which may also be called apnoea, in spite of continued breathing movements. This latter situation may explain why some infants have died on this kind of monitor and why these monitors create a false sense of security in parents.

In addition, false alarms occur when babies make shallow movements of the abdomen but continue to adequately replenish oxygen stores in the lungs. These false alarms may wake infants from natural sleep and there is some data suggesting that cot death rates of infants so monitored may, in fact, be higher than those not subject to the frequent stresses of false alarms.

At a recent conference held by the US National Institute of Child Heath and Human Development it was agreed that only a controlled clinical trial of these monitors would show whether they were beneficial, harmful, or without value.

Undoubtedly, some parents who have lost a baby from cot death gain reassurance at hearing the sound made by some monitors with each breath of their new baby. However, it is important that if they receive monitoring for this reason they are fully informed of the monitoring limitations and that the general health of their baby and the use of the monitor is supported by a paediatrician, who ideally would have access to investigate the cause of any alarms that may occur.

Yours faithfully,
MARTIN P. SAMUELS,
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The Cardiothoracic Institute,
Brompton Hospital,
Fulham Road, SW3.

Head to head

From Mr R. A. H. Neave

Sir, Professor Cave (March 12), when considering the question of reconstructing a face upon a skull, correctly asserts that it is "quite impossible accurately to estimate the degree of development of the facial musculature and subcutaneous tissue or the precise configuration of the lips, the external nose and the external ear." He further points out that several faces could all be assigned to one skull.

These are facts that the media often overlook, but at the same time you can be sure that these several different faces would all look uncannily alike; some fatter, some thinner, but similar. The skull is after all the matrix upon which the face is built, and what constitutes a likeness is decided largely by the relative position and size of the eyes, mouth and nose one in relation to the other and against the shape of the head. These facts are determined by the bony skull.

A "reconstructed" head based purely upon the skull can be no more than a synthesis of all the known facts, gleaned from the bones by pathologists, anthropologists and odontologists, presented in a manner that is readily understood.

Although I do not think that it is feasible to produce an absolutely accurate portrait in this way, in both control studies and other cases that I have undertaken where comparisons have been possible the face that emerges proves, in the majority of cases, to be very similar in appearance to the individual when alive. The measurements and rules, derived from modern man and adopted for these reconstructions, are averages only but ensure consistency and rule out "artistic licence". As such they cannot apply to early hominids or primates.

Mr Charles Langmaid (March 8) notes that this type of endeavour is not new. Indeed, examples of faces built on to skulls can be found dating back to 7000 BC, although the purpose for this is not known. Reconstructions of a forensic nature are routinely undertaken today in Canada, America and Russia.

Yours faithfully,
RICHARD NEAVE (Assistant Director, Department of Medical Illustration),
University of Manchester,
The Royal Infirmary,
Manchester 13.
March 18.

Ford impasse

From Lord Aberconway

Sir, Mr Ron Todd, of the TGWU, seeks to shelter behind the Prime Minister's admirable precept that one should not break an agreement (report, March 22). Can someone explain to him that there is a fundamental difference between contravening an agreement to the detriment of the other party, and relaxing ones own rights under an agreement?

Yours,
ABERCONWAY,
40 Lowndes Street, SW1.
March 24.

New Islamic state?

From Dr A. F. A. Sayeed

Sir, The statement in your leading article (March 18) that "for them [Bangladeshis — 87 per cent of them Muslim] — Calcutta is as important as Mecca" is insensitive and ignorant. To the average Bangladeshi Muslim, Mecca (correctly Makka-al Mukkarama), like any other Muslim city, is unique and it is blasphemous to compare it with any other city.

In the field of literature, Kaikobad Nazrul or Jasim are better understood than Tagore or Ray. Bangla literature is proud of its rich heritage. Dhaka is considered the literary capital rather than Calcutta or Shantinekatan.

Yours faithfully,
A. F. A. SAYEED,
Ramna,
2 Mickleton Drive,
Leicester.
March 21.

Verdict on Budget

From Mr R. Peacock

Sir, Your correspondent, Mr Sydney Shenton (March 22), has expressed his doubts about our "supposedly free parliamentary democracy". Recent Government policies have made me share his doubts.

I was not worried about the obvious injustice of a parliamentary majority acquired by a minority vote, or by the steady decline of Cabinet government, or even by the increasing influence of pressure groups, mainly financial and associated with the City. I was not worried because I was convinced that the spirit of democracy was secure. Now, I am not so sure.

Government policies since the 1987 election with regard to housing, poll tax and now income tax are claimed to produce efficiency, but will serve only to increase the disparities between the new rich and the new poor.

But what worries me most is the hollowness of the justification for these measures, a lack of sincerity that amounts to hypocrisy. The Chancellor's "balanced" Budget has been achieved, not by increased national wealth but by the once-for-all proceeds of privatisation.

The removal of the upper tax bands is not "radical", but a reward for the City's loyalty. "Consumer choice" is significant only for those who can afford the higher life-styles implied.

Yours faithfully,
R. PEACOCK,
Hythe,
44 Whitehall Road,
Stourbridge, West Midlands.
March 22.

Lateral thinking

From Mrs Joan Sweeting

Sir, Thank you for allowing me to prove to myself that full-time motherhood does not rot the brain entirely, but that it is incompatible with other pursuits.

While blithely calculating in your "*Tournament of the Mind*" how long it would take to fill a bath with both taps on and the plug out (letters, March 18) I failed to estimate that the time taken for this calculation would exceed that needed for two ominously quiet small children to fill a wash-basin with both taps on and the plug in by about four minutes. (Calculate the amount of water flooding the bathroom and the length of time needed to mop it up?).

Yours faithfully,
JOAN SWEETING,
20 Lesbury Road, Heaton,
Newcastle, Tyne and Wear.
March 18.

Curb on forensic science work

From Dr A. M. C. Gallop and Mr R. E. Stockdale

Sir, As former Home Office forensic scientists now in private practice, we understand the deep depression that led to the motions of no confidence in the management of the forensic science service, (report, March 18, early editions). This unprecedented action reflects the antagonism our Home Office colleagues feel toward their managers who, in the face of financial constraints, have been ineffective in halting the decline in career prospects and proper reward for the essential and difficult job the scientists do.

But, more worrying is the effect that depressed morale and ever-increasing work loads are having on the standard of scientific evidence produced by the official laboratories. This comes at a time when the very few independent scientists properly qualified to test the opinions of Home Office staff are turning away from this sort of work because of the poor remuneration offered under the present legal aid system, and the uncertainties about when and to what extent their reasonable fees will be met by it.

The courts increasingly rely upon scientific evidence and the combination of falling standards and inadequate independent testing inevitably have far-reaching consequences for the quality of justice handed down. It is time that funding for official and independent forensic science came under realistic review and the demands of the adversarial nature of our judicial system were taken properly into account.

Yours faithfully,
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March 22.

ON THIS DAY

MARCH 26 1927

Beethoven died in Vienna on March 26, 1827. This centenary leading article was written by Henry Cope Colles (1879-1943), The Times music critic from 1911 until his death

Beethoven.

To-day musical representatives of many countries congregate in Vienna, where BEETHOVEN lived and died. They are to visit his tomb, lay wreaths upon it, and make speeches around it . . . Most important of all, BEETHOVEN'S music will be heard in concert room and opera house, given in the conditions which his art demands with unstinted care in the preparation and complete concentration in the reception. That is the tradition which BEETHOVEN left behind him in Vienna a hundred years ago, and whatever Vienna has lost it has held fast to his faith in music. It is some satisfaction to English people to feel that, however weak their own musical faith may be, their forefathers were not slow in affirming the Beethoven "Credo." The Royal Philharmonic Society, which celebrated him on Thursday night at the Albert Hall with a performance of his *Missa Solennis* under Sir HUGH ALLEN'S direction, began its long career 114 years ago with a symphony of BEETHOVEN; and every one of its eight programmes in the year 1813 contained one or more of those works of his which have since proved their immortality . . .

To praise BEETHOVEN now is easy; to listen to him in 1813 was difficult. It required some generosity of spirit then to perceive that persistence in face of difficulties was worth while. The founders of the Philharmonic who put their faith in BEETHOVEN deserve the gratitude of those English people who are proud to honour him to-day . . . His friends at Bonn and at Vienna were sustained through all their bewildering experiences in the discovery of the man they knew in the music . . . At the present day if we have any difficulty in entering into the spirit of BEETHOVEN it is because of the excess of instruction. Literary commentaries are poured out from the press; his centenary is being made the occasion for mechanical replicas of his music by record and roll which are affirmed to be so like the originals that those who remain conscious of the essential differences between the real and the reproduced are charged with pedantry for insisting upon them. It is made practically impossible for us to approach BEETHOVEN as his first hearers approached him . . . or to stand amazed like his first foreign hearers by the miracle of his attainment. There is a real danger lest BEETHOVEN should become a commonplace of everyday life. Does such a centenary celebration as his heighten the danger or provide a safeguard against it? That must depend upon the use made of it by each individual. Some resolution is needed to make it profitable, to convert it from an orgy of sentimental reflection into an occasion for enlarging our own realization of a great man's stature.

COURT AND SOCIAL

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BUCKINGHAM PALACE
March 25: The Prince Edward this evening attended the Mayor's Banquet and Ball given by the Mayor of the Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead (Councillor W.W. Cooley) at the School Hall, Eton College.

His Royal Highness was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for the Royal County of Berkshire (Colonel the Hon Gordon Palmer) and the Provost, Eton College (the Lord Charteris of Amisfield).

Lieutenant-Colonel Sean O'Dwyer was in attendance.

The Princess Royal this morning visited Monkscroft Infants' School (Head Teacher, Mrs J. Cairns), Shelley Road, Cheltenham, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Gloucestershire (Colonel Martin Gibbs).

Her Royal Highness afterwards visited Benhall Infant School (Head Teacher, Miss D. Cushen), Cheltenham.

Subsequently The Princess Royal opened Royal Court, Fiddlers Green Lane, Cheltenham, and was received by the Founder President of the Cheltenham and District Housing Association Limited (Mr C. Irving).

Her Royal Higness later opened the St Hilda's Centre (Rector of Matson, the Reverend Barry Coker), Matson, Gloucester.

Mrs Malcolm Wallace was in attendance.

The Princess Royal this evening attended a performance by the Red Army Song and Dance Ensemble at the Royal Albert Hall in aid of the National Autistic Society.

The Hon Mrs Legge-Bourke was in attendance.

The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh were represented by Sir John Batten (Head of the Medical Household) at the Funeral of Sir Charles Strong which was held at St Marylebone Crematorium, Finchley, London N2, this morning.

The Princess Royal and Captain Mark Phillips were represented by Lieutenant-Colonel Sir John Miller.

By command of The Queen, the Lord Hesketh (Lord in Waiting) was present at Royal Air Force Northolt this afternoon upon the departure of Mr Veselin Djuranovic (Member of the Presidency of the Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia) and bade farewell to His Excellency on behalf of Her Majesty.

KENSINGTON PALACE
March 25: The Prince of Wales received the Prime Minister at St James's Palace this morning.

His Royal Highness, Past President, the Royal Air Forces Association, later attended the Annual Service of Thanksgiving to commemorate the formation of the Royal Air Force, at St.Clement Danes Church, the Strand, London WC2.

Major Christopher Lavender was in attendance.

The Prince of Wales this afternoon visited the Calne Project, Calne, Wiltshire.

Sir John Riddell, Bt was in attendance.

The Princess of Wales, Patron, the Guinness Trust, this morning visited Boyd Court, one of the trust's estates, at Downshire Way, Bracknell, Berkshire.

Miss Anne Beckwith-Smith was in attendance.

The Prince and Princess of Wales were represented by Dr Michael Linnett at the Funeral of Sir Charles Strong which was held at St Marylebone Crematorium, Finchley, London N2, this morning.

KENSINGTON PALACE
March 25: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon was present this evening at a Gala Performence by Northern Ballet Theatre, of which Her Royal Highness is Patron, at the Theatre Royal, Bath.

Her Royal Highness was received on arrival by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Avon (Sir John Wills).

The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, who travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight, was attended by Lady Elizabeth Cavendish.

YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE
March 25: The Duke and Duchess of Kent today opened the Lawn Tennis Association's Batchwood Indoor Tennis Centre and later attended a service of Thanksgiving to mark the bicentenary of the founding of the first Masonic School for Girls at St Albans Abbey and Cathedral, St Albans, Hertfordshire.

Sir Richard Buckley and Mrs Peter Wilmot-Sitwell were in attendance.

Anniversaries

Today
BIRTHS: Konrad von Gesner, physician, Zurich, 1516; Sir Benjamin Thompson, Count von Rumford, physicist, co-founder of the Royal Institution of Great Britain, Woburn, Massachusetts, 1753; George Smith, Assyriologist, London, 1840; A.E. Housman, poet and scholar, Fockbury, Worcestershire, 1859; Robert Frost, poet, San Francisco, 1874; Sir Gerald du Maurier, actor-manager, London, 1874.
DEATHS: Sir Thomas Elyot, diplomat, Carleton, Cambridgeshire, 1546; Sir John Vanbrugh, dramatist and architect (Castle Howard and Blenheim Palace), London, 1726; Ludwig van Beethoven, Vienna, 1827; Walt Whitman, essayist and poet, Camden, New Jersey, 1892; Cecil Rhodes, Muizenberg, Cape Colony, South Africa, 1902; Sarah Bernhardt, actress, Paris, 1923; David Lloyd George, 1st Earl Lloyd-George of Dwyfor, prime minister 1916-22; Ty Newydd, 1945; Raymond Chandler, La Jolla, California, 1959; Sir Noel Coward, St Mary, Jamaica, 1973.
The first cremation in England at Woking, 1886. Driving tests were introduced, 1934.

Tomorrow
BIRTHS: Alfred de Vigny, poet, Locher, France, 1797; Wilhelm Conrad von Röntgen, physicist, Nobel laureate 1901, Lennep, Germany, 1845; Heinrich Mann, novelist, Lubeck, Germany, 1871; Ludwig Mies van der Rohe, architect, Aachen, Germany, 1886; Ferde Grofe, composer, New York, 1892.

DEATHS: James VI of Scotland (from 1567) and James I of Great Britain, reigned 1603-25, Theobalds, Hertfordshire, 1625;

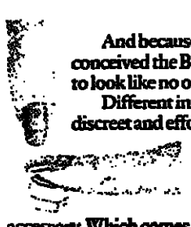
Giovanni Tiepolo, painter, Madrid, 1770; Sir George Gilbert Scott, architect (Albert Memorial, St Pancras Hotel), London, 1878; John Bright, politician, Rochdale, Lancashire, 1889; Henry Adams, historian, Washington, 1918; Arnold Bennett, London, 1931;

Michael Joseph Savage, prime minister of New Zealand, 1935-40, Wellington, 1940; Yuri Gagarin, first cosmonaut to orbit the Earth, killed in an air crash, Moscow, 1986.

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From the aborted baby to the starving nation, those holding power decree that the powerless 'shall not grow old'

Following the Young Man crucified

Shortly after Lord Denning, in the television programme *Did You See...?*, said that it was more important to uphold public confidence in the system than let innocent people go free, the scripture of the Mass offered us the story of Abraham's test (Genesis 22:1-19). It could not have been more relevant or apposite: the question of human sacrifice.

How was Abraham to know that God, the ruler of life, would not require this thing of him, until he heard the angelic words: "Do not raise your hand against the boy ... Do not harm him ..." (Genesis 22:11-12)?

In the story of Abraham's test, with its picture of the loving father and the obedient son, its theme of costly sacrifice, and of the provision by God of an offering of his own appointing, we recognize the same images woven *together in the perfect self-giving of our* Lord's death. "Behold the Lamb of God, that taketh away the sin of the world." (John 1:29).

The sin of the world is epitomized in Abraham's readiness to sacrifice Isaac. The boy, the young, representing the weak, the vulnerable, the powerless, sacrificed unendingly in human history by the old; that is, by those with power intent to hold on to it and perhaps to increase it, or by those without power intent to gain it.

At the Last Supper our Lord solemnly and dramatically identifies himself with the powerless. He adopts the dress and the duty of a slave. And he tells his church: "I have given you an example so that you may copy what I have done to you ... happiness will be yours if you behave accordingly" (John 13:1-20).

In the church's first preaching and prayers Jesus is the servant sent by God, prophesied by Isaiah (Acts 3:13, 4:30). The same word is used for the centurion's servant cured by Jesus (Matthew 8:5-13). The word is also translated as *boy*, a word that rings out through history as the call from those with power to those without.

"They went with songs to battle, they were young ...

"They shall not grow old ..."

The well-known lines in Laurence Binyon's poem, *For the Fallen* (1914), refer to the flower of Europe's youth swept away in that, as Solzhenitsyn describes it, needless conflict. A conflict from which our world, grievously wounded, still suffers. "They shall not grow old ..." They shall not enter into what they should possess. Those with the power to give them entry into life, sacrifice them, so intent are they on holding power, on gaining power.

It is the sin of each of us, unless and until we learn the lesson our Lord gives us, and follow the example he sets us.

"I am interested in the Bushman for many profound reasons", writes Sir Laurens van der Post in *A Walk with a White Bushman*, "but there is one reason which is particularly relevant to South Africa ... (the Bushman story) is the one historical mirror we possess in Africa wherein both black and white can look and see their fallible human faces and see how, when they had another human being absolutely in their power, they were corrupted by their power and eliminated him.

"This is the great lesson we can look at in it, and we will see that neither of us is better than the other."

Those holding power, so intent are they on holding power, on gaining power, that, by that very fact, they decree – it is the un-ending sin – that the powerless "shall not grow old". From the aborted baby to the starving nation, "they shall *not* grow old". The highest motives are, more often than not, adduced. This is the war that will end war; or the good of the system, the nation, requires that the innocent must suffer.

But the work of God is "to set the down-trodden free" (Luke 4:18). When even one innocent is made to suffer, when human sacrifice is resorted to, the destruction of the nation, of the system, of society, is under way.

God decrees: Do not raise your hand against the boy (the innocent, the powerless, the vulnerable) ... Do not harm him (Genesis 22:11-12) ... This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him" (Mark 9:2-10).

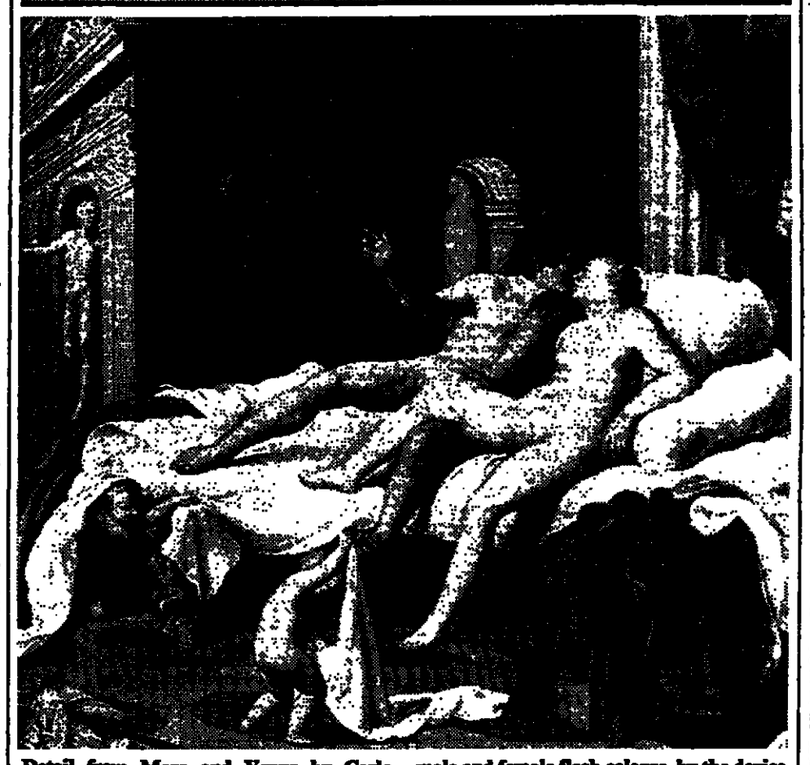
The desolation becomes restoration if we listen to him, "the Young Man crucified", as Alice Meynell describes him. The Young Man who went with songs to the battle: "After psalms had been sung they left for the Mount of Olives" (Matthew 26:30). The Young Man crucified who calls to each of us: "If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounced himself and take up his cross and follow me" (Matthew 16:24). "Happiness will be yours if you behave accordingly" (John 13:17).

Renunciation makes good economic sense. E. F. Schumacher had strong words to say to those who argued that limits to pay make it difficult to attract the "best" people into the most important jobs. "This argument misses the point. Those who cannot accept that enough is enough are *not* the best people; they are dangerous people who make our problems insoluble and we cannot have them as top civil servants, industrialists, judges, generals, etc."

Jesus, if we would listen, calls us today, into his way of loving service, even at the cost of self-denying and suffering; calls into his way of giving and forgiving.

Denis Clinch
Parish priest, St Mary's, Mulberry Street, Manchester.

THE THYSSEN MASTERPIECES



Detail from Mars and Venus by Carlo Saraceni (1579-1620): This is a sensual painting, almost to the point of squeamishness (writes Sarah Jane Checkland).

It portrays Mars and Venus on their adulterers' bed, in an orgy of smooth forms. The effect achieved largely through the medium - oil paint on copper - by the Venetian painter who operated mainly in Rome.

Special effects include the contrasting of the male and female flesh colours, by the device of drooping Venus's white shank over Mars's swarthy-brown. But despite their delicious awareness of each other, the couple are not alone.

Plump little cupids seem to be crawling everywhere, now playing with the bedclothes, now among items of Mars's discarded armour. Even the grey statues in the niches behind the bed are animate, apparently gossiping.

Forthcoming marriages

The Hon P. Lytton Cobbold and Miss G.E. Keigher
The engagement is announced between Peter, son of Lord and Lady Cobbold, of Knebworth House, Hertfordshire, and Ginette, daughter of Mr and Mrs B. Keigher, of Holland Park, London.

Mr M.D.R. Cameron and Dr H.C. Baillie
The engagement is announced between Maxwell Douglas Ralph, son of Major and Mrs R.A.C. Cameron, of Strowan, The Nile, Tasmania, and Helen Catherine, daughter of Mr and Mrs S.M. Baillie, of 33 Chatsworth Avenue, Brighton, Victoria.

Mr B.D. Coonan and Miss S.M. Rigby
The engagement is announced between Blaise, youngest son of Mr and Mrs P.V. Coonan, of Penwortham, Lancashire, and *Stephanie, only daughter of Mr* and Mrs J.A. Rigby, of Newbury, Berkshire.

Mr C.J. Day and Miss J.A. Hobbins
The engagement is announced between Christopher, son of Mr and Mrs J.D. Day, of Redbourne, Lincolnshire, and Judy, daughter of Mr and Mrs G.H. Hobbins, of West Barkwith, Lincoln.

Mr M.J. Duncan and Miss B.A.L. Brigham
The engagement is announced between Martin, eldest son of Mr and Mrs P.C. Duncan, of Wellington, New Zealand, and Betsy, only daughter of the late Surgeon Captain W.E.L. Brigham, RN, and of Mrs Brigham, of Sampford Brett, Taunton, Somerset. The marraige will take place in Sydney, Australia.

Mr I.C.N. Henderson and Miss A.H. Sloan
The engagement is announced between Ian, elder son of Mr and Mrs D. Henderson, of Ludlow, Shropshire, and Annabel, only daughter of Mrs F.A. Sloan and the late Mr S.W.G. Sloan, of St Andrews, Fife.

Mr J.R. Kirby and Miss S.F. Hunt
The engagement is announced between Jonathan, second son of Mr P Kirby, of Chester, and Sarah, eldest daughter of Mr P. Hunt and Mrs D. Hunt, of Northampton.

Mr R.L. Lewin and Miss A.P.S. da Cunha
The engagement is announced between Richard, son of Mr and Mrs Richard Lewin, of Corsley, Wiltshire, and Ana Paula, daughter of Mr and Mrs J.C.R. da Cunha, of London.

Mr P. Newnham and Miss S.A. Winstanley
The engagement is announced between Peter, elder son of Mr and Mrs G. Newnham, of Guy's Forest, Victoria, Australia, and Sophie, second daughter of Mr and Mrs J. Winstanley, of Richmond, Surrey.

Mr M.C.J. Raynor and Miss S.A.K. Chichester
The engagement is announced between Michael, elder son of Mr R.D. Raynor and the late Mrs J. Raynor, of Belford House, Four Marks, Hampshire, and Sara, daughter of Major and Mrs Richard Chichester, of Wiscombe Park, Colyton, Devon.

Mr J.C.P. Robertson and Miss K.J. Newberry
The forthcoming marriage is announced between Jeremy, son of Mr and Mrs J.S. Robertson, of Culford, Suffolk, and Katherine, daughter of Mr and Mrs R.W. Newberry, of Norwich, Norfolk.

Mr P.J.G. Weeks and Miss C.E. Beaumont
The engagement is announced between Paul, youngest son of Mr and Mrs P.B. Weeks, of Laverton, Somerset, and Claire, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs M.J. Beaumont, of Hempstead, Essex.

Mr A.R. Williams and Miss L. Driscoll
The engagement is announced between Andrew Ross, son of Dr Roger Williams, of Kensington, and Dr Lindsey Elliott, of West Kingsdown, Kent, and Lynne, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs David Driscoll, of Pendell House, Bletchingley, Surrey.

Dinners

Earl Alexander of Tunis
Earl Alexander of Tunis presided at the twenty-fifth annual dinner of the British Tunisian Society held last night at the House of Lords. Among those present were:
The Tunisian Ambassador and Mme Khouini, the Algerian Ambassador and Mme Laidi, the Moroccan Ambassador and Mme Zennad, Lord Molloy, Sir Alexander and Lady Sinclair, Mr David Mellor, QC, MP, and Mrs Mellor, General and Mrs Barraket, Mr Stephen Day and Mr A E H Jaffer.

Mayor of Windsor and Maidenhead
Prince Edward attended a dinner given last night by the Mayor and Mayoress of Windsor and Maidenhead at Eton College. The speakers were the Mayor, Lord Charteris of Amisfield, Provost of Eton, Councillor David Jack and Mr Frank Bough. Among those present were:
The Lord Lieutenant of Berkshire and the Hon Mrs Palmer, Lady Charteris of Amisfield, the Constable and Governor of Windsor Castle and Lady Halifax, the Dean of Windsor and Mrs Mann, Dr Alan Glyn, MP, and Lady Rosula Glyn and Mrs Frank Bough.

Penarth Society
Mr Alun Michael, MP, was the principal guest at the annual dinner of the Penarth Society held last night at the Caprice, Penarth. Sir Alun Talfan Davies, QC, presided and Mr Richard Francis, chairman, also spoke.

Association of County Court and District Registrars
Mr D. Francis Dunford presided at the annnal dinner of the Association of County Court and District Registrars held at the Law Society's Hall last night. Mr W.H.R. Jones proposed the health of the guests to which Lord Justice Stephen Brown, responded. The other guests included:
Lord Justice Mustill, Mr Justice Garland, Mr Tom Legg, Mr Raymond Potter, Mr David Ward, Mr Gareth Williams, QC, and Mr John Pearson.

Reception

International Theatre Institute
Mr Neville Shulman, Chairman of the British International Theatre Institute, was host at a reception held yesterday at the Garrick Club to mark World Theatre Day (March 27). Twiggy presented the annual award of the institute to Miss Lucy Neal and Miss Rose Fenton.

Memorial service

Sir Douglas Logan
Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother was represented by Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Martin Gilliat at a service of thanksgiving for the life and work of Sir Douglas Logan held at the Temple Church on Thursday.

The Master of the Temple officiated, assisted by Prebendary E.F. Tinker. Lord Flowers, Vice-Chancellor of London University, read the lesson and Lord Roskill read from the works of Canon Henry Scott Holland. Mr Arthur Tattersall gave an address. Among those present were:
Lady Logan (widow), Mr Alistair Logan and Mr Keith Logan (sons), Mr and Mrs Ian Logan (son and daughter-in-law), Mrs Alison Watt (daughter), Mr and Mrs J R L Pincock, Mrs T D L Pincock, Mark Pincock, Mrs Sally James, Mr William Murray, Mr David Anderson Evans, Mme E M Rabet.

Mr Henry Tumukunde (representing the High Commissioner for Uganda), Lady Flowers, Lady Roskill, Lord Ripon of Hexham, QC, and Lady Ripon, Lord Templeman, Lord and Lady Hunter of Newington, Lady Ackner, Sir Robert Megarry (Institute of Advanced Legal Studies), Sir Peter Swinnerton-Dyer (chairman, University Grants Committee), Sir Edward Playfair, Dame Marjorie Williamson.

Sir Richard Way, Sir Nigel Strutt, Sir Patrick Reilly, Sir William Mansfield Cooper, Sir Arthur Vick, Lady Duke-Elder, Sir Albert and Lady Sloman, Sir Brooks Richards (chairman, British Institute in Paris), Sir Frank Hartley, Sir Brian Windeyer, Sir Cyril Philips, Sir Owen Saunders, Sir David Ines Williams, Sir John Thompson, Sir Joseph Cantley, Mr Mark Littman, QC (treasurer, Middle Temple) and Rear-Admiral J R Hill (under-treasurer); Judge Monier-Williams (treasurer, Inner Temple).

Dr A O Betts (deputy vice-chancellor, London University) with Professor J P Quilliam, Mr Peter Horwell (principal) and Mrs Holwell, Dr R F Miller, Professor J Barron and Chairmen of the Standing Committees of the Senate, representatives of the university's colleges, schools and institutes and members of the court and senate.

Mr Kingman Brewster (Master, University College, Oxford) and Mrs Brewster, Professor S F C Mallows, QC (St John's College, Cambridge), the Very Rotan Crawford (Bursar, Trust), Mr B H Taylor (secretary-general, Committee of Vice-Chancellors and Principals), Mr B C Bloomfield (British Library), Dr A Christodoulou (Association of Commonwealth Universities), Miss B A Prideaux (Royal College of Pathologists), Professor Struther Arnott (St Andrews University), Professor C B Cox (Manchester University), Dr A Kelly (Surrey University), Judge and Mrs Mildon, His Honour Anthony Babington and His Honour Thomas Dewar.

Service dinners

Intelligence Corps
Major-General C.R.L. Guthrie presided at the annual dinner of the Intelligence Corps Officers' Dinner Club held last night at Templer Barracks, Ashford, Kent. Among those present were:
Lieutenant-General Sir Peter de la Billiere (GOC, South East District), Mr Frank Jordan (Chief Constable of Kent), Group Captain M R Paterson (Commanding Officer, Joint Air Reconnaissance Intelligence Centre) and Colonel A C Ward.

Royal Army Ordnance Corps
Major-General M. Callan, Representative Colonel Commandant, Royal Army Ordnance Corps, presided at a dinner given last night by officers of the corps at RAOC Deepcut to mark the retirement of Major-General G.B. Berragan, Director-General of Ordnance Services.

Army Catering Corps
General Sir Geoffrey Howlett, Representative Colonel Commandant of the Army Catering Corps, presided at a dinner held last night at the HQ Mess, Aldershot. General Sir John Akehurst, Deputy Supreme Allied Commander, Europe, also spoke. Brigadier Keith Hudson, Colonel Commandant, Brigadier Michael Paterson, Director, ACC, and Brigadier Robin Maddy, Commandant, HQ ACC Training Centre, attended.

Ulster Defence Regiment
Lieutenant-General Sir David Young, Colonel Commandant of the Ulster Defence Regiment, presided at the annual dinner held last night in Belfast. The Archbishop of Armagh, Sir John Hermon, Chief Constable of the Royal Ulster Constabulary, and Lieutenant-General Sir Robert Pascoe, General Officer Commanding Northern Ireland, were the principal guests.

RAF Staff College Bracknell
Air Vice-Marshal D.T. Bryant, Commandant, and officers of the RAF Staff College Bracknell, held a ladies' guest night dinner last night at the Officers' Mess. Wing Commander M.J. Bibby presided and Major-General R.L. Peck, Engineer-in-Chief (Army), and Mrs Peck were the principal guests.

Meeting

European Business Institute
Sir David Nicolson presided at a meeting of the European Business Institute in London, held at the Royal Overseas League on Friday, March 25. This was to mark the European Community plans to create a single European market by 1992.

OBITUARY

MRS PAMELA MANSON

A champion of Soviet Jewry

Mrs Pamela Manson, who has died aged 59, was an actress who for years threw her dynamic personality and gift for effective publicity into campaigning on behalf of Jews in the Soviet Union.

One of her great achievements was to help secure the release of the ballet dancer refuseniks Valeri and Galina Panov.

But there were less prominent cases where Russians owed their freedom in part to her persistence as a political activist. She had no hesitation in putting calls through behind the Iron Curtain, and she was a woman to whom it was hard always to say "No".

She appeared often in television plays (usually playing Jewish parts) and in commercials. So she moved easily in circles where success or failure depended on making the right contacts at the right time, and presenting an engaging and determined face.

She knew how to get herself listened to in the Soviet and East European embassies in London. She was credited with a large part of the success in persuading the Hungarian authorities to erect a monument to Raoul Wallenberg, the Swedish diplomatist who saved the lives of thousands of Hungarian Jews and who then disappeared in circumstances which the Communists never wanted to discuss.

Much of Pamela Manson's acting was in comedy. She had worked with Tony Hancock and Peter Sellers. But she was nothing if not versatile. She had played Shakespeare.

She frequently made use of contacts in journalism which dated from her early days working as a secretary on the old *News Chronicle*. Her familiarity with Fleet Street, and her natural vigour, served her for one period of her varied career when she was a public relations officer in the fashion industry.

For a time she managed theatrical artists.

In Equity, the actors' union, she was a robust champion of the Israeli cause in the face of the efforts by the pro-Arab Vanessa Redgrave to ban artistic contacts with Israel.

She is survived by two sons and two daughters.

MR ERNEST ROBERTS

Mr Ernest Roberts, who devoted his energies to the affairs of the Royal National Eisteddfod of Wales, died at Bangor on March 20. He was 89.

With the eminent Cynan – to use the bardic title of the Rev. Sir Albert Evans-Jones, the former Archdruid – Roberts developed the Eisteddfod into the greatest movable festival in Europe. They brought the outstanding and colourful features of Welsh culture to a wider audience while ensuring that all its activities during the Eisteddfod week were carried on in the Welsh language.

After Cynan retired, Roberts continued as honorary secretary, until his own retirement in 1971. He was made a Fellow of the National Eisteddfod.

Roberts was born in the slate mining town of Bethesda, Gwyned, with his roots firmly in the working community. He wrote several books in Welsh on the slate quarrying communities. He was a regular contributor to the Welsh language press.

He served in the Great War, after which, despite invitations to stay in England, he chose to return to Wales and became registrar of the Normal Teachers' Training College at Bangor, near his beloved Bethesda.

He was a faithful member of the Welsh Independent Church; chairman of the Bangor Bench for many years; and a lifelong Labour Party supporter.

He had recently celebrated his diamond wedding anniversary, and is survived by his wife and two sons.

PROFESSOR JACK PAYNE

Professor Jack Payne, an eminent veterinary scientist, died suddenly on March 18. He was 59. He had been director of the Agricultural and Food Council's Institute for Research on Animal Diseases at Compton, Berkshire, from 1973 until his retirement in 1986.

He graduated in 1952 at the Royal Veterinary College, London, after an outstanding undergraduate career and took his doctorate at University College Hospital Medical School in toxicology and experimental pathology.

He joined the staff at Compton in 1957 to work on brucellosis and Johne's Disease in cattle, on which he published a number of important scientific contributions.

He then concentrated on metabolic disease in cattle, especially the concept of production disease in cows which were yielding ever increasing amounts of milk. A fruitful period of research led to the development of the Compton Metabolic Profile Test and to Payne's appointment as director.

During his tenure he saw an expansion of the institute's research programme and the building of new animal facilities before recent cuts in animal health research.

Payne was an energetic scientist with an international reputation. His published works include *Metabolic Disorders in Farm Animals* and, last year, a book on the Metabolic Profile Test.

He was an ebullient character whose passions were opera and fell walking. He died in the Lake District among the hills which he loved.

His wife, Sylvia, whom he married in 1952, survives him with their two sons and two daughters.

LORD CLIFFORD OF CHUDLEIGH

The Rev. Arthur R. Moss writes:

Your obituary of Lord Clifford of Chudleigh (March 21) mentioned his war service with his beloved Devonshire Regiment but not the adventures that befell him after he was taken prisoner.

He found he was lodged in a PoW camp in the north of Italy, a country he knew well, both its terrain and its language. He managed to escape 29 minutes before the Germans arrived to take over.

He and his comrade, a New Zealand sergeant, tramped for many hours up into the wilder recesses of the Apennines. They made their way to the Bardi area, and for the next year he organized the patriots there and conducted a private war against the Germans.

There were Italian family connections with the Cliffords' ancient line, and he was not slow to make use of these advantages in cloak-and-dagger fashion. But knitting the anti-German elements into a fighting unit was to prove an impossible task, so deeply were they divided in their political allegiances.

Fortunately, he kept a war diary, which is now in the Imperial War Museum.

Mr Marcel Crête, who has died in Montreal aged 72, was the Chief Justice of Quebec Province who wrote the majority ruling in the celebrated constitutional case which found that the Canadian Federal Government had the power to amend the Canadian constitution without the consent of the individual provinces.

The ruling was one of the landmarks in the jostling between federal and provincial governments that led to the final patriation of the Constitution from Britain in 1982 under a formula approved – ironically – by all the provinces except Quebec.

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BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, DEATHS

Praise ye the Lord. Blessed is the man that feareth the Lord, that delighteth in his commandments. Psalm 112:1

BIRTHS

COLVILE - On March 14th, to Mary (nee Banks-Martin) and Jonathan, a son, Thomas Charles.

COOK - On March 13th, at Bristol Maternity Hospital, to Pamela and David, a daughter, Harriet Louise.

CORNES - On March 22nd, in Pittsburgh U.S.A. to Katherine (nee Montgomery) and Andrew, a daughter, Charlotte.

CORY - On March 15th, at Edgware General Hospital, to Angela and Tim, a son, Thomas James.

DICKINSON - On March 19th, to Sheila Yates and Peter Dickinson, a daughter, Lauren Hannah.

FREUND - On March 21st, to Adrienne (nee Lelay) and Joska a son, Simon William George.

HALL - On March 18th 1988, to Teresa (nee Bartleet) and Simon a daughter, Sophie Ann, a sister for Rachael. Edward and Harry.

HAND - On March 19th, to Susan (nee Griffin) and Malcolm, a son, Miles Arthur, a brother for Louisa.

KLEINER - On March 22nd, at Westminster Hospital, to Maggie (nee Bailey) and Robert, a daughter Victoria Elizabeth.

MONCKTON - On March 25th, in Sydney Australia to Jennifer (nee Carmody) and the Hon Timothy Monckton, a son James Timothy.

MORT - On March 22nd, to Philippa (nee Brown) and Tim, a son and daughter, a brother and sister for Olivia and Katharine.

WHITE - On March 16th, to Joan (nee Borland) and John, a son.

WILSON - On March 19th, at Harrogate General Hospital to Corinne and Philip, a son Matthew Edward.

WOTTON - On March 19th, at RM RAF Hospital, Halton, to Susan (nee White) and Roger, a daughter, Sarah Frances, a sister for Rachel.

WYMAN WHITE-HENDERSON JORDAN - On March 18th, to Winnie and John, at Queen Charlotte's Hospital, a daughter, Jennifer Mary Ivy.

GOLDEN ANNIVERSARIES

BRANSON - On March 26th 1938, at West Bromwich, Jack and Ivy. Congratulations on your Golden Wedding from all your family.

DEATHS

ARGENTI - On March 23rd, 1988, peacefully at her home, Alexandra Helena, nee Cochlarzi, in her 84th year. Much loved and devoted mother of Fanny, Georgina and Lorenzo and grandmother of Frederic. Funeral service on Monday March 28th at the Greek Cathedral of Aghia Sophia, Moscow Road, Bayswater at 11am. Enquiries: W. Garstin & Sons, 10 Chiltern Street, London, W1. Tel: 01 935 4868.

BAXTER - On March 23rd 1988, peacefully at home, Professor Alexander Duncan Baxter, aged 79. Much beloved husband of Florence Kathleen and a greatly loved father, grandfather and great-grandfather. Funeral service at Saint Thomas a Beckett Church, Puckiechurch, Near Bristol, on Wed 30th March at 12 noon. Family flowers only: donations to Hospital for sick Children, Great Ormond Street, c/o Preddy, Funeral Directors, 2 Cosham Street, Mangotsfield, Bristol, BS17 3EN.

BOURNE - On March 23rd 1988, John, aged 83 years, peacefully in his sleep at The Fairwater Nursing Home, Evesham. Beloved husband of Mollie and very dear father of Janet, Christopher, Geoffrey and Sam. Service of Thanksgiving for his life followed by burial at St Barnabas, Snowshill on Wednesday March 30th 1988 at 2.30pm. Flowers to W. E. Williams, 30 Swan Lane, Evesham, Worcs.

ARKWRIGHT - On March 24th 1988, peacefully, Jean (nee Thorburn Brown) of Toronhan, Stow, greatly loved wife, mother and grandmother. Service in Stow Parish Church at 2.30 pm on Wednesday March 30th, followed by interment in Stow Cemetery.

BUCKLEY - On March 22nd, peacefully at Queen Alexandra Hospital, Portsmouth, Pauline Enid Lewis (Renwick), widow of Lieut. Comdr. Robin Buckley, G.M., R.N. With the great love of her children, Paul, Sylvia, Michael and Diana, her two sisters Daphne and Fay, and her many grandchildren. Funeral service at Chichester Crematorium on Thursday March 31st at 2.00 pm. Flowers to Kevin Holland Funeral Service, Chichester Road, Bognor Regis, Sussex.

COCKS - On March 24th, 1988. Rosemary (nee Groves) adored wife of John Cocks of Middle Lodge, Ardingly and beloved mother of Nicholas Abbott. Funeral at Highbrook Church, near West Hoathly, Sussex at 3.00pm on Wednesday March 30th, followed by cremation, family only at Worth Crematorium. Tea at family home. Flowers to Masters and Son, Funeral Directors, Lindfield, Haywards Heath.

CRAGGHILL - On March 22nd, peacefully in Cirencester Memorial Hospital, Geoffrey Alexander, aged 59, after a long illness bourn with fortitude and characteristic cheerfulness. Funeral private. Memorial service at The Royal Agricultural College Chapel on Friday April 15th at 2.30 pm. Donations may be forwarded to The League of Friends, Memorial Hospital Cirencester. Enquiries Cirencester 2631.

CRUM - On March 24th 1988, after a short illness, Katharine Marian St. John, widow of Brigadier J. A. S. Crum O.B.E. and dearly loved mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. Funeral service at Hereford Crematorium on Wednesday March 30th at Noon. Flowers to R. W. Mann and Son, Leominster or donations if preferred to E.N.T Trust Fund, Hereford General Hospital.

DE BEAUFORT - On March 22nd, peacefully at the Laurel's Nursing Home, Hastings, Margaret Edith Kent (nee Williams) aged 68 years. Dearly loved mother and mother in law of John and Cathy and Granny to Kirsty. Service at Hastings Crematorium on Tuesday March 29th at noon. Family flowers only please, but donations if desired to Saint Michael's Hospice c/o Banfield and Pomphrey, 47 High St, Hastings.

DENT - On March 24th, suddenly at Lyvennet Bank, Mauids Meaburn, Cumbria, Lady (Elspeth Muriel) much loved wife of the late Sir Robert Dent C.B. and mother of Averil, Verena, Evelyn and Lavinia. Funeral at Crosby Ravensworth Church at 2.30 pm on Wednesday 30th March. Family flowers only, donations if desired to St Lawrence's Church, Crosby Ravensworth.

FRIEDMAN - On March 23rd 1988, Millie Friedman, in her 95th year, widow of Henry, beloved mother of Dennis and Shirley (Waxman), much loved grandmother and great grandmother.

GOLDSMITH - On March 22nd 1988, peacefully at home after a long illness borne with much courage and fortitude, Irene Alice of Bournemouth, beloved wife of the late Dr William Goldsmith. Funeral Service at the Church of the Holy Angels, Lilliput, Poole, Dorset on Tuesday March 29th at 11.15 am followed by private cremation. No flowers by request, but donations for the Motor Neurone Disease Association may be sent to Tapper Funeral Service, 32/34 Parkstone Rd, Poole.

HARDING - On March 23rd, at his home in Barton-on-Sea, Trevor Owen, formally Sudan Civil Service, husband of Phyllis and father of Cilla, Trevor, Glyn and Kwith.

JOEL - On March 24th, peacefully at The Old Vicarage, Devon, Kathleen (nee Hodgson), aged 82 years, beloved wife of the late Henry Joel and mother of Ashley and Nicola and grandmother of Francesca and Camilla.

MANSON - On March 19th, in hospital after a short illness, Pamela Jacqueline, aged 59, beloved mother of Charles Anthony, Benita and Rosa. Will be sadly missed and remembered with affection by her family and friends.

MAITLAND - On Wednesday March 23rd, peacefully at Uckfield Hospital, after a long illness bourne with great courage and cheerfulness, Gillian, aged 51, darling wife of Neil and much loved mother of James and Elizabeth. Private cremation. A Service of Thanksgiving for her life will be held at 2.30 pm on Wednesday 30th March at Holy Trinity Church, High Hurstwood, Nr. Uckfield. Family flowers only please. Donations, if desired to: Cancer Relief, Macmillan Fund, Anchor House, 15, Britten Street, London SW3.

MARCEL - On March 23rd, peacefully at Holyport Lodge, Holyport. Felix aged 77 dearest husband of the late Marie Louise and much loved father of Brian and Michael. Funeral service Bray Church at 2.30pm April 7th followed by cremation at Flough Crematorium.

MURCHISON - On March 19th, 1988, aged 81, Roderick Charles Patrick ("Paki"). Funeral to be held on Tuesday March 29th, 11.00 am, at Manor Park Cemetery, Sebert Road, Forest Gate, London, E7, all enquiries to Penny Goslett 01 800 4028.

REDDALL - On March 24th, Patricia, aged 75 years, of Eldorado Crescent Cheltenham, a much loved friend and for 39 years a loyal and faithful member of the staff of Queen Anne's, Caversham. Service at Christ Church, Cheltenham at 2.15pm, on Wednesday March 30th, followed by private cremation. Donations instead of flowers please invited for the Sue Ryder Home, Leckhampton Court Cheltenham.

RIMELL - On March 23rd, peacefully at a Brighton nursing home, Roger Edgcumbe, aged 92, Ex Devonshire Regiment, Royal Flying Corps and R.A.F. (1914-18), late of Hassocks and Horsham. Devoted husband of the late Mollie (nee Bullock), dear brother and cousin. Funeral service at The Surrey and Sussex Crematorium, Worth on Thursday March 31st at 2pm. Enquiries and flowers to: Frank Davey and Co., 31 High Street, Hurstpierpoint. Tel 0273 832179.

ROBERTSON - On March 22nd 1988, suddenly at home, in his 81st year, Michael, loved father of Anthony and Nigel. Private funeral. No flowers. Memorial service to be held at Oakley Church, on Saturday April 23rd at 11.45am.

SENTANCE-SMITH - On March 24th 1988, Phyllis Sydney, aged 82 years, of Beauchamp House Halch Beauchamp (formally of Bicknoller), devoted wife of the late Kenyon. Funeral service will be at St. George's Church Bicknoller, at 11.30 am on Thursday March 31st, followed by cremation at Taunton Deane Crematorium. No flowers by request, donations if desired to St. George's Church fund c/o Norman Ackland, Willicombes Funeral Directors, Williton, Somerset. Tel. (0984) 32420.

STAFFORD - On March 24th 1988, peacefully in hospital at Brighton, Eric Stafford, aged 62 years. Funeral service at the Downs Crematorium, Bear Road, Brighton, on Wednesday March 30th at 1.30pm. Flowers and enquiries to Clarke and son, 143 Sackville Road, Hove. Tel Brighton 754484.

WILKINSON - On march 24th 1988, peacefully in hospital, aged 83 years, Edith Wilkinson of Worthing and Bath, youngest daughter of the late Arthur and Clara Wilkinson and a dear friend of Marjorie and Dorothy. Service at Worthing Crematorium on Thursday March 31st at 9 am. No flowers by request, donations if desired to The Save The Children Fund, c/o H. D. Tribe Ltd. 130 Broadwater Road, Worthing. Tel 0903 34516.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

COHEN - A Service for Nat Cohen will be held at the New West End Synagogue, St. Petersburgh Place, London W2 on Monday March 28th at 6.00 pm.

IN MEMORIAM - PRIVATE

ANDERSON - In loving memory of WILLIAM CURLING ANDERSON, who passed away on Monday March 26th 1907. Deeply mourned.

MAYES - Hilary (nee Mines), lovingly remembererd through the years and especially on her birthday, 27th March. An, Daphne, Celia and 'Ernest'.

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CHANCERY DIVISION
No. 00813 of 1988
IN THE MATTER OF MUNTON BROTHERS P.L.C.
- and -
IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Order of the High Court of Justice (Chancery Division) dated 14th March 1988 confirming (1) the cancellation of the amount of £6,030,281 standing to the credit of the Share Premium Account of the above named Company and (2) the reduction of the capital of the above named Company from £8,500,000 to £4,225,000 and the Minute approved by the Court showing with respect to the capital of the Company as altered the several particulars required by the above-mentioned Act were registered by the Registrar of Companies on 16th March 1988.
Dated this 25th day of March 1988.
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YORK MINSTER: 8, 8.45 HC: 9.30 M: 10.15 S Euch. Missa O quam gloriosum (Victoria). Blessing, Distribution & Procession of Palms. Dyson in D; 4 EP. Christus factus est (Bruckner), Dyson in D: 6.30 The Passion according to St John (Byrd). ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL: 7.30 M: 8 HC, Blessing & Distribution of Palms; 10.30 HC, Blessing & Distribution of Palms, Mass for Five voices (Byrd), Hosanna to the Son of David (Weelkes). The Passion of our Lord according to Matthew (Sortano). Rev G Routledge: 3.15 E. The Second Service (Gibbons). Hosanna to the Son of David (Gibbons). Rev G Beck.
WESTMINSTER ABBEY: 8 HC: 10.30 Blessing of Palms, Procession: 7 S Euch, Missa Bel Amfitrit' altera (Lassus), Passion according to St Matthew (Victoria), Rev K Simpson (Tomkins), St Paul's Service (Howells), Christus factus est pro nobis (Bruckner), Canon C Semper: 5.45 Organ Recital: 6.30 ES. Canon C Gray.
SOUTHWARK CATHEDRAL: 9 HC: 11 Euch, Blessing & Procession of Palms, Jackson in G, O Lord look down from heaven (Battishill), Canon P Hosanna (Weelkes), Ave verum (Byrd): 3 E. Jackson in G, O Lord look down from heaven (Battishill), Canon P Hosanna (Weelkes), Ave verum (Byrd): 3 E & B, Magnificat octavi toni (Bevan), Pueri Hebraeorum (Victoria).
ST GEORGE'S CATHEDRAL, Southwark: 8, 10, 11 HC: 11.45 HM & Blessing of Palms & Procession, Hosanna Filio David (Ferry), Pueri Hebraeorum (Palestrina), Ingredientе Domine (Mews), He trusted in God (Handel), Ven M G Bowen.

CHAPEL ROYAL, St James's Palace: 8.30 HC: 11.15 S Euch, Missa brevis (Walton), Ven D N Griffiths.
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ST CLEMENT DANES (RAF Church) WC2: 9 HC: 11 Euch, Schubert in G, Adoramus te (Handl), Ven G R Renowden.
CHAPEL ROYAL, Hampton Court Palace: 8.30 HC: 11 M, Naylor in G, Ireland in C, Hosannah to the Son of David (Weelkes), Responses (Tomkins), T.N.C. Chaplain: 3.30 E. In the departure of the Lord (Bull), Darke in F, Solus ad victimam (Leighton), Responses (Morley).

ALL HALLOWS BY THE TOWER: 10.30 Procession with Palms from the Corn Exchange Chapel of St Katharine-by-the-Tower to All Hallows: 11 S Euch, Rev C Vince: 4 E & Sisters of the Cross, Rev P Delaney.
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Wednesday 6 Apr 7.30 pm — PHILHARMONIA ORCHESTRA Owain Arwel Hughes (conductor) Peter Donohoe (piano) Prokofiev Lieutenant Kije — Suite, Piano Concerto No 3, Dvorak Symphony No 6 £14 £11.50, £10 £9, £7.50, £6, £5 £3.50, £2 Philharmonia Ltd

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Friday 8 Apr 8.00 pm — ROYAL AIR FORCE ANNIVERSARY CONCERT Royal Philharmonic Orchestra Sir Charles Mackerras (cond) Central Band of the Royal Air Force, Wing Cmdr. Eric Banks (cond) Charles Raven (pno) Arr by Walters: Beethoven: Strauss: Auadin; Mozart: Elgar. £12.50, £10.50, £8.50, £7, £5.50, £4.50 RAF Benevolent Fund

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Saturday 25 Mar 7.45 pm — BRAHMS AND PSALMS English Players English Chamber Choir Gail Pedersen (conductor) Uriel Tauchner (piano) Brahms Piano Concerto No 2, Fest-und Gedenkspruche Stravinsky Symphony of Psalms. £7.50 £6, £4.50 £3 Ann Morley Productions Ltd

Sunday 27 Mar 7.45 pm — HATFIELD PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA Howard Burrell (cond) Alexander Baillie (cello) Dallas Shag Fair: Elgar Cello Concerto, Tchaikovsky Francesca da Rimini, Stravinsky Suite, The Firebird £6.50 £5 £3 Hatfield Philharmonic Orchestra

Monday 28 Mar 8.00 pm — KEVIN AYERS AND HIS BAND. From the sunny days of Soft Machine to the Avery John Cale Neon Boys Era collaboration Kevin Ayers has always made distinctive music. In his only London concert, Kevin Ayers is supported by legendary saxophonist Lol Coxhill £7.50 £6.50 £5 £4 Speakout

Tuesday 29 Mar 1.10 pm — CZECHMATES lunchtime recital Darlington Piano Trio Suk Elegy, Dvorak Piano Trio Op 90 (Dumky) All seats £3 Czech-flavoured lunch package £5.75 Students/OAPs/UB40 £1.50 South Bank Board/Allegri String Quartet

Tuesday 29 Mar 7.45 pm — ORCHESTRA OF THE AGE OF ENLIGHTENMENT Bach Brandenburg Concerto No 1, Concerto in C, BWV 1061 for 2 harpsichords, Brandenburg Concerto No. 5, Brandenburg Concerto No.2 £9, £7.50, £6, £5 £3.50 Orchestra of the Age of Enlightenment

Wednesday 30 Mar 7.45 pm — A THEME, WITH VARIATIONS London Sinfonietta Oliver Knussen (conductor) Roger Chase (viola) A Celebration of British Music. Knussen Music for a Puppet Court, Holloway Scenes from Schumann, Britten Lachrymae Op. 48a, Tippett Concerto for Orchestra. £9, £6, £2 The London Symphony Orchestra

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Sunday 3 Apr 5.00 pm — CROSSING THE BORDER FESTIVAL: Around the World with BILLY BRAGG & guests MARTA SEBESTYEN & MUZSIKAS from Hungary, JALI MUSA JAWARA & musicians, BLUE MURDER (Martin Carthy, The Watersons, Swan Arcade), THE DEIGHTON FAMILY, THE GUO BROTHERS from China. £6.50 Students/OAPs/UB40 £5.50 SBB/Crossing the Border

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Wednesday 6 Apr 7.45 pm — LONDON CLASSICAL PLAYERS BEETHOVEN SERIES Roger Norrington (cond) Melvyn Tan (fortepiano) Beethoven Symphony No. 4 Piano Concerto No 3, Symphony No 5 RETURNS ONLY Historic Arts Ltd

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Monday 28 Mar 7.30 pm — ALKAN CENTENARY CONCERT Santiago Mantas (piano) Programme to include works by Alkan, Mendelssohn, Chopin and Bach. All seats £3.50

Tuesday 29 Mar 7.30 pm — CHRISTODOULOS GEORGIADES (piano) Beethoven Sonata in F, Op 54, N. Skalkottas Sonatina (1927) Chopin Nocturne in B flat min Op 9/1, Tsarentsiffe Op 43 Y. Constantinides 8 Dances from the Greek Islands (Eth. prem), Scriabin 8 Etudes from Op 2, 8, 42 & 65 £6, £4 £2.50 Friends of Cyprus (London) Ltd

Wednesday 30 Mar 7.30 pm — CAPRICORN Margaret Field (sop) Julian Jacobson (pno) LeFanu Trio H. Weberi Quartet Op. 22, Bellapiccola Quattro Liriche di Antonio Machado, LeFanu Lament 1988 (1st perf). David Lumsdaine What Shall I Sing? Mendelssohn Canbyocdiyne, Melancholy My Dark Heart, All seats £4 Students/OAPs/UB40 £3. Capricorn

Thursday 31 Mar 7.30 pm — RONALD STEVENSON 60th BIRTHDAY CONCERT Raymond Clarke (piano) Hawgrigil Brian Prelude, John Dowland's Fancy Four Miniatures: Double Fugue in E flat, Britten/Stevenson & MacDonald March from Turandot, Ronald Stevenson Passacaglia on DSCH All seats £5 The Hawgrigil Brian Society

Friday 1 Apr 7.30 pm — STRINGENDO This concert has been cancelled.

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Tues 29 Mar 7.45pm — ROYAL PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA Christopher Seaman cond. Abdel Rahman al Bacha piano Dvořák Carnival Overture Grieg: Piano Concerto in A minor Rimsky-Korsakov: Sheherazade SPONSORED BY THE BRITISH £11, £8.50, £6.50, £5, £3.50 ONLY LEBANESE ASSOCIATION

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Thu 7 Apr 7.45pm — LONDON SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA Michael Tilson Thomas cond Jorge Bolet piano R. Strauss: Till Eulenspiegel Liszt: Piano Concerto No 1 Ravel: Rapsodie Espagnole; Ma Mère L'Oye (complete) £15, £12, £11, £9, £7, £5 SPONSORED BY PETER STUYVESANT

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Monday 28 March 7.30 p.m. — NICHOLAS PETROU guitar Bach: Suite in E minor BWV996, Barrios: La Catedral, Castelnuovo-Tedesco: 3 pieces from 'Platero & I', Sleds Mentzer: Sonata Op. 36 (1979), Walton: 5 Bagatelles. £5, £4, £3, £2.50 Felicity Jackson International Management

Tuesday 29 March 7.30 p.m. — ALKAN CENTENARY CONCERT. RONALD SMITH pno JAMES CLARK vln, MORAY WELSH cello The music of Charles-Valentin Alkan (1813–1888). Alkan: Grand Duo for Violin & Piano Op 21, Piano Trio Op. 30, Grand Sonate de Concert for cello & piano Op. 47 (1st London perfs) £6, £5, £4, £3

Tuesday 5 April 7.30 p.m. — JACOPO SCALFI cello JULIUS DRAKE piano. Bach: Sonata in D, BWV 1028, Schubert: Arpeggione Sonata in A minor, D821, Paganini: Variazioni on a theme by Rossini, Fauré: Elegy Op 26, Debussy: Sonata (1915), Barber: Sonata Op. 6 £5, £4, £3, £2.50 Ron Gonsalves

Wednesday 6 April 7.30 p.m. — GERALD ROBBINS piano Mendelssohn: Variations sérieuses Op 54, Beethoven: Sonata in F minor Op 57 'Appassionata', Prokofiev: Sonata No 6 Op 82, Liszt: Funérailles, Au bord d'une source, Feux follets, Etude No 10 in F minor £5, £4 £3, £2.50 Basil Douglas Artists' Management

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The spy who posed as himself







As the head of Britain's Secret Intelligence Service — codenamed "C" — from 1939 to 1952, Sir Stewart Menzies was Churchill's wartime spymaster. His triumphs included the vital cracking of the Enigma code in 1939, and the assassination of his counterpart, Reinhardt Heydrich (right), in 1942, when it was feared that Heydrich was about to destroy the SOE's French networks. Later, he was forced to confront the treachery of the traitor Philby (far right). Before the war, however, Menzies had led a very public existence, not untouched by scandal. ANTHONY CAVE BROWN, in an extract from a new biography, describes how, from White's Club to the Beaufort Hunt, the life of Stewart Menzies seemed like an open book

When Colonel Stewart Menzies married Lady Avice Sackville at St Martin-in-the-Fields on November 29, 1918, 18 days after the German surrender, it was the first large society marriage of the peace — although, in a concession to the times, there was no ostentation beyond a guard of honour formed by officers of the 2nd Life Guards.

Menzies, then aged 28, had won the DSO at Ypres in 1914 before taking the post of chief of counter-espionage and security to the British armies in France. On his return in 1918 he had informed his regiment and the War Office that he wished to make a career in secret service.

He was attached to a department of the War Office called MO4(), whose functions were to report to the King on the uncertain political mood of the country and to estimate the extent to which the armed forces had become disaffected through reaction to the wartime slaughter and the Bolshevik revolution in Russia; at Victoria Station, 10,000 British soldiers had mutinied on their way back from France and were only deflected by the Horse Guards from marching on Buckingham Palace.

Yet even as he began this dangerous and difficult work, he was proposing marriage to the daughter of a known subversive. Lady Avice's father, the eighth Earl De La Warr, was an adulterer who could have found himself in the divorce courts, but for his death in a motor torpedo boat in the Sicilian Narrows in 1916; still more troubling were the attitudes of Countess Muriel De La Warr, whom the earl had abandoned for an actress before the war.

According to the intelligence bulletins that Menzies was receiving each week from the Home Office, his future mother-in-law subscribed to all manner of causes that were regarded as being seditious, or very nearly so. These ranged from theosophism to pacifism, from a mild attack of Bolshevism to her more serious devotion to movements supporting freedom for British India.

Yet the marriage took place, and Menzies began his rise through the layers of the Secret Intelligence Service. During the 1920s, as effective deputy to the head of the SIS, Admiral Sir Hugh Sinclair (known as "C"), he emerged as a major figure in world intelligence — and one about whom much could be learnt simply from turning to his entry in *Kelly's Handbook to the Titled, Landed and Official Classes.*

Menzies was well aware of the need to protect himself. In his case, though, concealment was barely necessary — for, as one of his staff remarked, Menzies "posed as himself". He was protected by the almost impregnable nature of the institutions that he joined after the First World War and to which he belonged for the rest of his life.

To the world beyond the secret circle, Menzies appeared to be still with his regiment, the Life Guards, a gorgeous figure in scarlet and gold riding under the plane trees of St James's Park with the standard, or at the King's Birthday Parade on the Horse Guards at the head of a squadron. When he was not riding with the regiment he was working in the War Office or riding with his hunt.

Menzies was popular for his dry wit and trusted for his discretion. Nobody could ever get out of him the inner secrets of the service, not even the King, for in 1923 this exchange took place across the dinner table between Menzies and King George V:

The King: *Menzies, who is our man in Berlin?*

Menzies: *Sire, if my service has a man in Berlin, I may not divulge his identity.*

The King: *Menzies, what would you say if I said: 'Menzies, give me the name of our man in Berlin, or off with your head'?*

Menzies: *Sire, were you to give such an order, and when your order was carried out, my head would roll with my lips still sealed.*

Of all the institutions that provided him with cover, the most important was White's, which he joined at the beginning of the Twenties. Founded in 1693, White's was undoubtedly a secure place — a sanctuary where only men with money, position and discretion could remain comfortable for very long. Everybody was somebody at White's, but being somebody did not guarantee membership.

It was testament to the power of the secret service and the influence and popularity of the man that he was proposed, seconded and admitted immediately. For, as one of the club's historians wrote of the process whereby a man became a member, White's was "a place of probation where one waited, with what patience one could muster, for admittance to the Holy of Holies . . . distinguished people waited for years, and some waited forever."

Closely connected to Eton and the Life Guards, White's was much concerned with bloodlines, mares and heirs. Menzies felt so much at home in the club that he made it a sort of annexe to the SIS offices just off Parliament Square, having much of his most secret mail sent to White's, in the belief that it was more likely to be safe in the *hands of Groom*, the hall porter, than the mail room of the secret service; he was often to be seen reading papers by the fireplace in the billiards room, which was almost always empty. On most days he lunched on *goujon de sole*, a club speciality; although everyone at White's knew who Menzies was, there was never any gossip.

The other institution in Menzies's life was at least as impenetrable as White's. On Thursday evenings, when possible, he would catch the Spa Express from Paddington to Bath. By prior arrangement, the express would make a special stop at the Duke of Beaufort's private railway station, where Menzies and other friends of the Duke would alight. There Stewart Menzies became a fox-hunting man.

Here, at the start of the hunting season of 1921-1922, Menzies received an honour he regarded even more highly than membership of White's or his DSO. He was invited by the Marquess of Worcester, the Duke of Beaufort's heir and master of the Beaufort, the most famous of all hunts, to wear the blue and buff riding coat, an invitation which showed that Menzies had become accepted in a little world that was not only a sporting fraternity but also a political and social cabal of great importance.

Menzies hunted as frequently as his secret duties allowed; that frequency was, in a sense, a barometer of politics. When the world situation became serious, Menzies did not appear at all. When he appeared frequently, the realm was secure.

Almost always he was accompanied by Lady Avice, who rode side-saddle and wore a bowler hat and black hunting habit with a skirt that reached to her spurs. Avice's friendship with the Marquess caused much comment and speculation. But the relationship may have been a mutual devotion created by the salmon and trout fly, for both were keen fishermen and since the earliest days of her marriage had spent much time together fishing the Scottish, Hampshire, Wiltshire and Yorkshire streams.

By 1923, however, Lady Avice had become discontented with the marriage. First, there was their failure to produce a family, which may have been the result of a shrapnel injury Menzies seems to have suffered on Windy Ridge in 1914; second, there was her aspiration to grander living than Menzies could provide. Yet the troubles that beset the couple were not wholly her fault, for Menzies himself was not beyond criticism.

Adoring lively women as he did, and especially those outside the mink and manure set of his hunt, Menzies first met Ursula Lutyens, daughter of the architect Sir Edwin Lutyens, in August 1921. Ursula, then in her early twenties, fell seriously in love with Menzies.

The association lasted about a year, and Ursula wanted marriage, but Menzies refused to leave Lady Avice, perhaps because a man involved in a divorce action was still expected to resign from his regiment. Never one to change horses without a good deal of thought, Menzies remained with Lady Avice and his friendship with Ursula came to an end.

By 1926, though, rumours began to be heard in "Beaufortshire" that Avice was unhappy and that, having failed to capture the Marquess, who had now succeeded to the dukedom, she was now interested in a Captain Frank Spicer, of Spye Court, a large and beautiful estate. Aged 33 and unmarried, Spicer was a tall, lanky and handsome man who had few interests other than blood sports; his only drawback, in Lady Avice's eyes, was the size of his allowance — a mere £400 annually. On the other hand, when Menzies's stepfather, Sir George Holford, died in 1926, and the proceeds from the sale of his estate were distributed, the deputy chief of Britain's secret service suddenly became worth the sizeable sum of £6,000 a year.

Nevertheless, by the autumn of 1928 Lady Avice and Spicer were appearing everywhere together, careless of gossip. Then, through the machinations of the gods, Frank Spicer became richer than Stewart Menzies. His father, Captain John Spicer, died, leaving an estate of about £650,000; the eldest son, Anthony, was his sole heir — as was the custom where great estates were concerned. Frank benefited not at all. But the fates intervened. In November 1928, only a few months after John Spicer's death, a gale swept through Spye Park. Anthony took shelter under a tree, the tree was struck by lightning, and a limb fell and killed him. Frank therefore inherited the family fortune.

Lady Avice found herself at last able to change horses. A major scandal evolved, one that had the potential to ruin Menzies. Among the attempts to intervene may well have been one involving the King and Queen, for between November 12 and 18, 1928, both Menzies and Lady Avice were guests of King George V and Queen Mary at Sandringham. There was a great deal of gunfire — the party killed 749 pheasants, 60 partridges, 20 hares, 13 woodcock, 10 wood pigeon, six rabbits and five "miscellaneous" — but any attempt at reconciliation did not prosper. On June 20, 1929, it was announced that Menzies had resigned from the Life Guards, a necessary first step before the divorce.

Their lawyers planned the action in such a way as to preclude gossip and minimize damage to Menzies's career. An absolute agreement was reached between the parties that whatever Lady Avice or Frank Spicer had learnt about Menzies's work was to be regarded as a permanent confidence. Throughout the remainder of Lady Avice's long life — she died in 1985 — she acted and talked, according to one observer, "as though she had never met Stewart Menzies". Her main contribution to Menzies's life had been not marital tranquillity but literary notoriety; just as Ian Fleming borrowed elements of Menzies's character for his "M", so Lady Avice provided John le Carré with the model for Lady Anne, George Smiley's aristocratic and errant wife, who, knowing nothing of her husband's work, betrayed him for an orchid.

Yet Menzies was to suffer not at all from the divorce. He remarried in December 1932, even as he was being promoted to C's deputy in title as well as fact. Far from being disgraced, he had emerged as a member of the War Office establishment, one of the mandarins, still perfectly acceptable in the royal enclosure at Ascot.

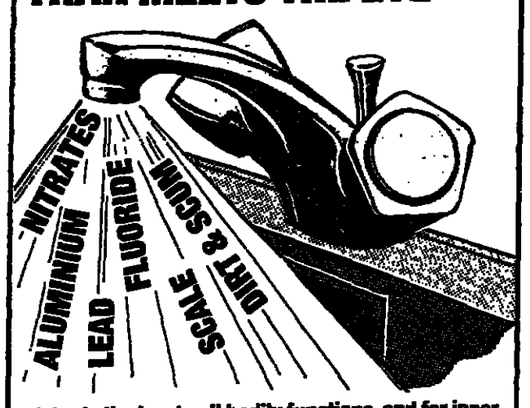
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Hiding in open ground: Stewart Menzies (above, and right, with Lady Avice) used a career in the Life Guards as cover for his intelligence work

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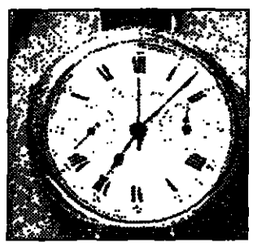
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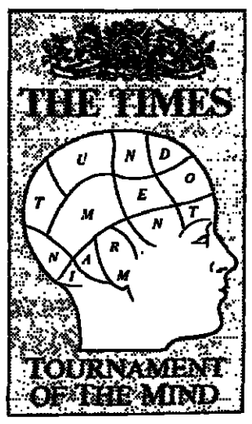
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Tournament of the Mind

● See next week's *Times* for the list of finalists



● Today we publish the last of the answers to *The Times Tournament of the Mind*, which offers a £5,000 prize to the outright individual winner and an IBM Personal System/2 Model 30 computer to the winner of the schools' section.

Question Three on Day Nineteen has emerged as the tournament's Becher's Brook, causing the greatest number of casualties. Late in the competition, so many otherwise good runners failed to see that the planets could form a straight line by being on opposite sides of the Sun. Indications at this stage of the marking are that there are not more than 10 fully correct entries.

Well over 30,000 starters, a far higher number than expected, have stayed the course, and Mensa, which set the questions, has been swamped all week by membership applications. Names of finalists will be announced next week. The 100 individual highest scorers will be invited to join the finals spread over one week, starting on April 11. The schools will have their own finals the following week.

ANSWERS: ROUNDS SIXTEEN TO TWENTY

ROUND 16

Puzzles: 1 Five. (The cat has three lives because it begins with the letter C, which is the third letter of the alphabet.) 2 BOY. 3 Thirteen. 4 31 minutes, 28 seconds. (The tanker stops after travelling 187½ miles. It was travelling at 65 mph and so it stopped two hours 53 minutes and 5 seconds after beginning the journey. The flames travelled at 55 miles per hour, reaching the stopped tanker after three hours 24 minutes and 33 seconds. The tanker therefore exploded 31 minutes and 28 seconds after stopping.)
General Knowledge: 1 St Stephen. 2 Harry Sinclair Lewis. 3 Daedalus. 4 Manchester. 5 Four.

ROUND 17

Puzzles: 1 23. (When the square is completed the numbers read as follows, starting at the top left: first line 24, 24, 25, 3 and 24; second line 23, 24, 24, 23 and 6; third line 25, 23, 20, 17 and 15; fourth line 12, 17, 16, 16 and 39; fifth line 16, 12, 15, 41 and 16.) 2 Five moves. (FLEET, FLEES, FLIES, FLIPS, SLIPS, SHIPS or acceptable alternatives using five moves.) 3 Ounces in the Avoirdupois system. 4 Two hours, 9 minutes, 28 seconds. (The first tap fills the bath in 100 minutes. The second tap takes 212 minutes. The bath will drain in 143 minutes. Convert these to fractions. Your calculation is: $^{1}/_{100}$ plus $^{1}/_{212}$ minus $^{1}/_{143}$, giving $^{23416}/_{3031600}$. Divide those figures to give you 0.007723974. Divide this number into 1 to give 129.467 minutes — the answer.)
General Knowledge: 1 George Robey. 2 Christian Dior. 3 Ichthyology. 4 Tanzania. 5 Australia.

ROUND 18

Puzzles: 1 166. (The circle represents 36, the triangle 42, the plus sign 40 and the square 54. 2 GOMULKA. (The first three Eastern Bloc leaders, Stalin, Tito and Lenin, were known by nicknames; but Gomulka was really called Gomulka.) 3 1,000 monkeys (The numbers represent Roman numerals in the animals' names.) 4 2 mph is the answer. Let the speed of slide-back equal x. Then 18.75 hours will equal $^{10}/(6-x) + ^{15}/(6-4) + ^{20}/(6-x) + ^{25}/(6-x)$
General Knowledge: 1 G. 2 German rye bread/rye bread/sour dough bread. 3 Erasmus. 4 Right to left, or backwards. 5 151 mph or 243 kph OR 152 mph or 242 kph, depending on which reference used. We will accept either answer.

ROUND 19

Puzzles: 1 Either 270, 360 or 405 hours depending on how you worked it out. We accept any of these. 2 ELAPSED and PLEASED. 3 664. (Eric Scores 102 goals whilst Peter scores 48 goals. David scores 54 goals and Alan scores 231 goals. Finally Charles scores 229 goals, giving a total of 664 goals.) 4 18 years. (The two planets will be in line with the Sun when one planet is on one side of the Sun and the other forms a 180° line with the Sun and the other planet. Thus when 18 years have elapsed the inner planet will be 324° in its orbit and the outer one will be 144° in its orbit.)
General Knowledge: 1 Henry Mancini. 2 Triglyph. 3 Bangladesh. 4 Richard II. 5 Duke of Windsor (Edward VIII).

ROUND 20

Puzzles: 1 192. The circle represents 42, the traingle 60, the plus sign 45, the square 47 and the star 48. 2 Ended. 3 47 (Add up the two figures on the left and divide by two; this gives you the second figure of the answer; follow the same process for the figures on the right for the first figure in the answer.) 4 £9.41. (The original cheque was for £9.41. You received a cheque for £41.09. You spent £3.45, leaving yourself with £37.64. This, divided by 4, gives you £9.41.)
General Knowledge: 1 Ehrlich. 2 Haaken IV. 3 1966. 4 Boucicault. 5 Jean-Michel Jarre.

David Walker escaped from the Magic Kingdom and found real life in Florida

Beyond Disney World

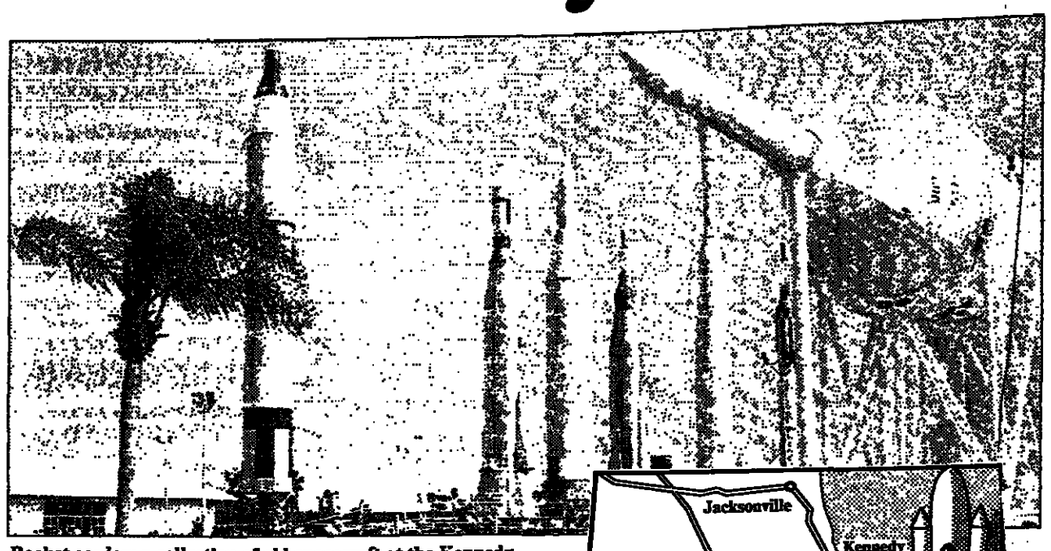
Uncle Walt has spun you up, down and around. You have had enough of Disney World's essentially samey rides. You are numb with the passivity of the Epcot experience and your five-year-old is fed up standing in queues, even for Toad's Wild Ride, but what else do you do in flat central Florida?

The answer is, take the Beeline.

From Orlando this toll road, number 528, flies due east to Cocoa Beach and Cape Canaveral. New law has recently raised the speed limit on certain state highways, which means on the Beeline you can reach the Atlantic coast inside 50 minutes. For us, arriving by the shore was like playing truant, escaping the regimentation of the Magic Kingdom with its hectoring public address system. Here the ocean waves are not certified safe, the mangrove is untrimmed and the only mice are those the red-tailed hawks that nest by the salt marshes missed at breakfast.

The central Florida shore is called Space-coast, for its centre is the Kennedy Space Station. The visitor centre there is on the same tourist run as Epcot and Disney World, though here a child can run and hide among the copse of rockets and expended fuel tanks that guards the entrance to the exhibition halls. The guided tour bus is not recommended. Good views of the rocket gantries can be had from the public road: the drama and — since the explosion of Challenger in the sky above Florida two years ago — the pathos of American space exploration are captured economically on the several screens at the visitor centre.

More sitting. But just a couple of miles away is Merritt Island National Wildlife Refuge, on state road 406, an expanse of marsh, dune and scrub broken by palmetto and cottonwood, flocks of birds, native and transient, and walks. On the beach, the sharp outlines of the rocket launchers still visible down the coast, we looked up as a flight of pelicans in perfect formation lazily followed the high water mark northwards. And on the water's edge sandpipers, terns and sanderlings dashed in and out with the waves.



Rocket garden: a collection of old spacecraft at the Kennedy Space Centre, one of Florida's extra-Disney attractions

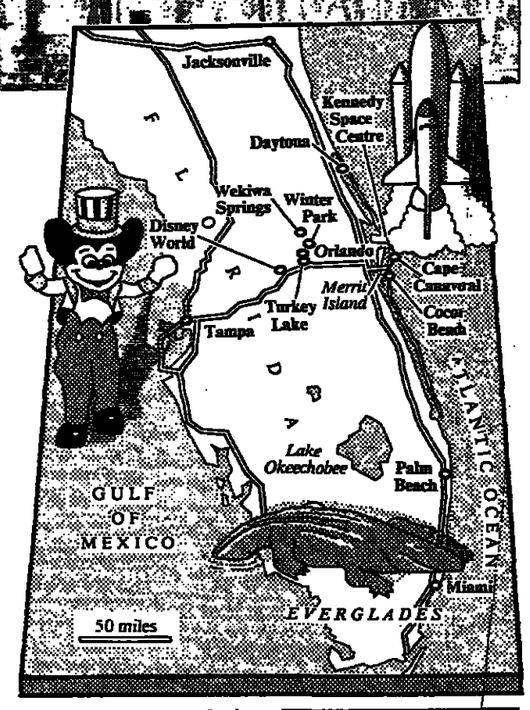
American government parks are fastidiously maintained. Their noticeboards are a touch pedantic; but how else would we have found out about the snake-bird, its head just visible above the waves on the lagoon, or that the creature snuffling on the roadside was indeed an armadillo?

Orlando is easily written off as a mere dormitory for the Magic Kingdom and related attractions, but there is more to it than motels. It has a downtown, a fine civic museum, southern verandahs and umpteen lakes. The Winter Park district has been built on and around a string of natural and man-made waterways: the boat tour (regular runs from Lake Osceola, foot of Morse Boulevard) brings into view a wealth of oleander and palm.

The local paper, *The Orlando Sentinel*, publishes a useful compendium: *The Florida One-day Trip Book — 52 Offbeat Excursions in and around Orlando*, $4.95). But there is no need to stray far into the hinterland for amusement of a more active kind than Uncle Walt offers. Orlando has a city park at Turkey Lake (South Hiawassee Road) which has one of the finest-looking adventure playgrounds one five-year-old connoisseur had seen, endorsed when he preferred it to a return visit to Mickey Mouse.

To the north of Orlando is Wekiwa Springs State Park, 6,400 acres of forest and lake. Busy in season, in winter the creeks and woods are as quiet as when once upon a time the Timucuan Indians speared fish and stalked deer. At dusk the raccoons come out, their eyes sunk deep into kohl rings, and the semi-tropical night hangs threatening over the tree tops.

The lady in the shop said she was officially closed, but — no problem — she would rent us a canoe. Wekiwa Spring bubbles water at a constant 76 degrees to run for miles through swamp and wetland; the warmth attracts seals, manatees, turtles and — the realization dawned only when we had left the sandy shore and were totally alone on the shallow Wekiwa River, our canoe grinding over submerged tree trunks and creepers — alligators. Quite what the intrepid travellers would have done if one of the reptiles had slunk alongside the boat I don't know, but, it being January, they were sluggish.



Not so the snappers and other varieties of turtle clearly visible beneath our hull.

Arms aching, eyes strained from the alligator patrol, infant scared by the dark and still forest, we made it back to shore and acknowledged, well a little, that there was something to be said for Uncle Walt's sanitized and safe entertainments.

TRAVEL NOTES

We bought a TransAmerica Holidays' package to Florida, using Continental Airlines flights. A week in Orlandofor two adults and a five-year-old child, including car hire (from Alamo Car Rentals) and motel (with kitchenette) cost £1,100 exclusive of food, petrol and insurance.

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Goodbye Columbo

British Airways is suspending its weekly service to Sri Lanka from the end of May because of poor loads. The last BA service will leave Heathrow for Colombo on May 21, but flights will continue to be operated by Air Lanka.

● **International entrepreneur Peter de Savary has spent £1 million on transforming Glenborrodale Castle on the west coast of Scotland into a 16-room hotel which opens for business on May 1. The castle was built at the turn of the century and is set on the Ardnamurchan peninsula overlooking the Isle of Mull. Bed and breakfast rates start at £58 per night. Information on 01-236 4311.**

Down the rapids

Swan Hellenic is aiming at "the more intrepid traveller" with a 300-mile seven-day rafting tour down the Colorado River, shooting 200 rapids in the process. The expedition is the centrepiece of a two-week trip to the Grand Canyon which the company is operating in August and is priced at £2,100. Information on 01-831 1616.

● *A useful new guide to 100 recommended restaurants in Britany and Normandy has been published by Brittany Ferries, based on nominations by its own passengers. It is available from the company at 6 Burnsall Street, London SW3 3ST at £1.25.*

Venice at speed

A one-off short break in Venice with the outbound flight from Heathrow on Concorde is being operated by Citalia Holidays on April 18. Two nights' bed and breakfast accommodation in a three star hotel are included in the £725 price and the return flight is on a normal Alitalia scheduled service. A similar break, travelling out by Alitalia on April 16 and returning on Concorde, is priced at £755. Information: 01-686 0677.

Irish freeze

British Rail is freezing or reducing most rail/sea fares to Ireland this summer. The off peak monthly return "Saver" fare from London to Dun Laoghaire remains at £49, while the midweek return fare on the same route comes down from £59 to £55 during July and August.

Philip Ray

TRAVEL BOOKS

● ***Family Travel 1988*, edited by Patricia Burgess and Anne-Lucie Norton (£6.95, St John's Wood Press) may save you lugging an armful of brochures home. This weighty paperback contains information on 750 travel companies, detailing which ones offer discounts for youngsters. Other sections deal with popular destinations and what they are like for families (though Australia might be surprised to learn it has "no national health service"), tips for parents, medical advice and a five-language SOS vocabulary.**

● *Rambling is one of Britain's favourite activities, and the seven new titles in Bartholomew's* Map and *Guide series (on the Thames and Chilterns; the South Downs; Snowdonia and North Wales; Oban, Mull and Lochaber; the Dales; and the New Forest) will inspire even more to pull on their walking boots. The books, each containing 30-40 walks, are a manageable size and format, like ring-binder notebooks. Each walk is accompanied by a small map, advice on whether it is easy or strenuous and information on points of interest.*

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Jenny Tabakoff

Pleasure through the pain

Andrew Billen defied the cynics and survived a walking holiday in the countryside around Mont Blanc

We could not have had two more different guides for our walking fortnight on *les pays du Mont Blanc* late last summer. Norman French, a former policeman, led each day's trek. He is the sort of deeply tanned chap who does press-ups to relax but is good humoured with it. Norman gave machismo a good name.

His partner was Graham Bullock, who drove our luggage from camp site to camp site and set up the tents ready for our descent from the mountains. He sported a badly torn anorak and a complexion as grey as his world view, which could have been summarized as: "Someone on this planet is having a good time and I think it may be Norman". An inspired comic in the tradition of Tony Hancock, he was as popular as Norman but for entirely different reasons.

I set out on my Sherpa tour in a genuine spirit of geographical enquiry. But a camping holiday in which 10 strangers are reduced to exhaustion by something greater than themselves — 16,000 feet greater in the case of Mont Blanc — and retire at night to shared tents is bound to focus finally on personalities, not landscape.

Not that the mountains are dull. In 10 days' walking, not a day was like any that had gone before. The Alps are two-faced. Their north faces are snow white, glacier and rock gothic. The south sides are green and marshy, patrolled by long-eared sheep, marmots and extras from *The Sound of Music* picking bilberries. The only constant as we clambered unchallenged across the Swiss, French and Italian borders, was Monte Bianco himself, his white belly always in view.

No two evenings were the same either. When we ate out, as we did on alternate nights, Graham chose cheap restaurants with regional dishes, like the Les Houches' raclette, a do-it-yourself exercise in cheese toasting. At a friendly campsite in the Val Ferret beneath the Grandes Jorasses, we spent the evening passing round a many-funnelled jug filled with *grappa*, a local liqueur made by the manageress, Maria Lindner.

Although there were no moaners among our eight (there can be up to seven more in a party), a woman on a parallel Sherpa excursion complained that she had not been able to sleep on the thin mattress provided and that she was unprepared for the severity of the walks.

"They say they are within the scope of any healthy and reasonably active individual. Members of my tennis club are healthy but this holiday would kill them."

She had a point. You walk more than 100 miles in your 13 days and climb a total of 42,000 feet. You are woken at dawn and have breakfasted, washed up, made sandwiches and folded your tent by 8.30. You need to be prepared for everything that the Sherpa brochure warns you of, but you should have also previously experienced breath-defying climbs and the odd night without hot water.

One day after a hellishly steep climb, Norman discovered that the bridge we were supposed to cross had collapsed. We had to backtrack, sometimes on our stomachs, through brambles and nettles and then negotiate a mountain stream. By the end I must have looked cross as well as damp, for Christina, a Colarado teacher on "burn-out" sabbatical, told me firmly that our travails did not hold a candle to a morning in her classroom.

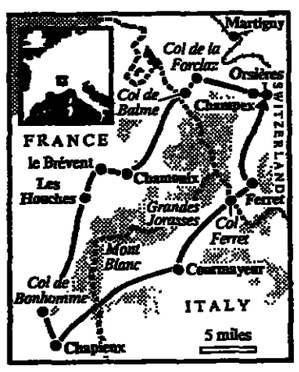
Others, of course, simply make things difficult for themselves. Bob, a Chinese chef from Edinburgh, answering some call beyond Occidental comprehension, filled his rucksack with rocks.

Graham confided that he plays a private game each trip guessing which of his charges will be beaten by the physical challenge. At the end of the holiday, after we had all not merely survived but enjoyed the holiday, I asked him who his money had been on. His reply is too embarrassing to relate.

JOHN CLEARE/MOUNTAIN CAMERA



Taking a breather to view the Grandes Jorasses: during the trek the party climbs a total of 42,000 feet



TRAVEL NOTES

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W. J. Burroughs

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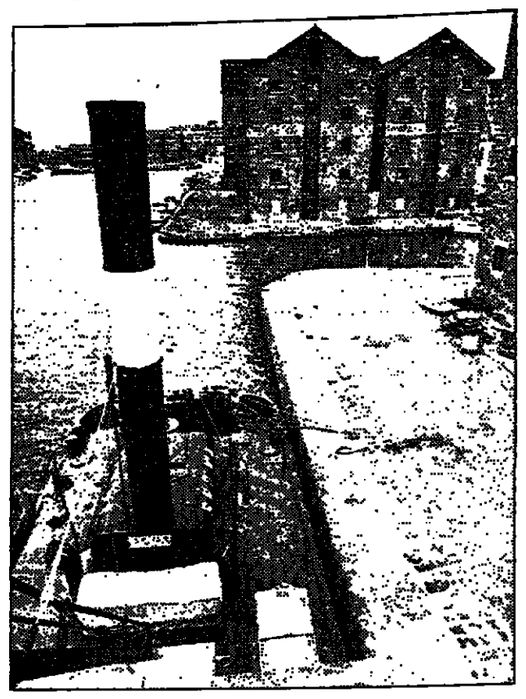
St Moritz: Super G at Pontresine, April 10; Bavarian Curling: International Spring "Eisstock" Tournament, April 9-10.

Peter Hankey

OUT AND ABOUT

Museum on the water

The new waterways museum gives a tantalising glimpse of things to come



About to spring to life: the Waterways Museum in Gloucester

"Roses and castles," says Tony Conder, curator of the new National Waterways Museum, a trifle dismissively. He is referring to the canal-side museum at Stoke Bruerne in Northamptonshire and its focus on the decorative tradition of the Midlands narrowboatmen and the roses and brightly-painted castellated buildings on their vessels and utensils. The chiding is against himself, for until last year he ran Stoke Bruerne for the British Waterways Board. Now, at the museum in the Gloucester docks, due to open on Good Friday, Conder is out to make amends for concentrating on "the pretty side" of canal life.

The museum has been in gestation for six years. Conder regards its site, within sight of Gloucester's cathedral, as perfect for understanding the *working* waterways: an entire dock basin surrounded by Victorian warehousing miles from the sea, a showcase (he hopes) for the harder side of canal life, the cranes, barges, and forges.

Since 1827 Gloucester has sat at the end of the Gloucester and Berkeley (now the Gloucester and Sharpness) Canal, a road for waterborne goods leading to the oceanic docks at Avonmouth and Bristol or, upstream, into the canal network of the Midlands. Soon, the buffs hope, the Kennet and Avon navigation will restore a through route from London to Bristol.

The exhibits will occupy two floors of the converted Llanthony Warehouse, reached off Southgate Street in Gloucester (watch for the brown signs saying "Historic Docks"). Visitors this weekend and for the next few months will have to be patient – there is asphalting yet to be done and brickwork yet to be pointed; the café has yet to be built by the swing bridge leading into the dock basin; and the full extent of the exhibition area will not be ready until the museum is formally opened, by the Prince of Wales in the summer. Even then, it will be several years before Gloucester docks have been fully restored.

But for visitors willing to suspend belief, the National Waterways Museum is going to offer points of interest, especially to the practically-minded. The emphasis is on things to do, and touch. A sequence of events has been planned to bring, for example, blacksmiths in to demonstrate its forge. (Over next weekend, there will be Morris men, singers and "folk artists".)

Llanthony Warehouse is a magnificent seven-storey building in which the regenerated engines and lockgates, models and machines will be displayed. Outside, the original line of the dock railway has been relaid, and Conder promises working steam trains. In the water sits a canal bucket-dredger, into which children (and athletic adults) can climb. Part of the basin has been converted into a floating collection of canal craft, around the *Northwich*, a cargo-carrying narrowboat.

Here is where the Gloucester museum ought to work on two levels. For the casual visitor it will (when the building contractors have finished) offer a good half-day's tour. But for the enthusiast, the tow-path romantic, or the holiday-maker who has previously sampled the waterways, the museum offers a chance to deepen knowledge.

Such buffs will see not just a gaudily painted boat called the *Northwich* but a "josher", an old Fellows Morton and Clayton butty boat, and their heads will fill with tales of the Harecastle Tunnels on the Trent and Mersey Canal in Staffordshire (2,880 yards long, bisected by old culverts driven through the hills by James Brindley to take the coal out of his diggings by boat) and the Foxton Locks on the Grand Union Canal in Leicestershire (five pairs of staircase locks with a combined fall of 75 feet).

David Walker

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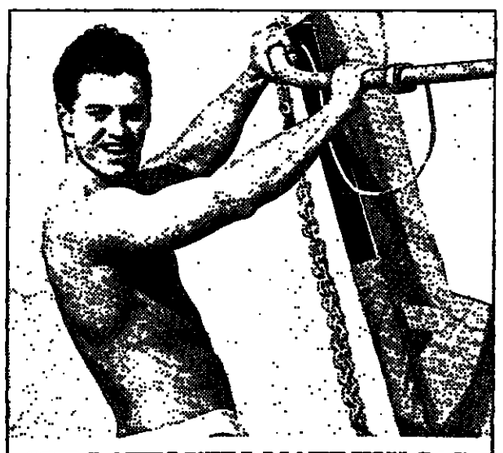
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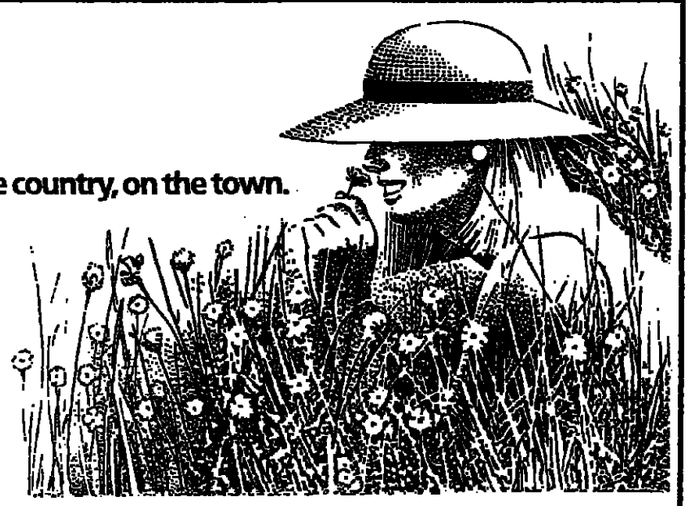
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When time is money

Vintage watches have become a fashionable collectors' item, and prices have risen rapidly in the past few years, writes Nicole Swengley

The current vogue for vintage wrist-watches owes as much to their investment potential as to a little timely nostalgia.

"Old watches in good condition have been increasing in value at a rate of at least 25 per cent per annum over the past five years," says Rick Saunders, of the specialists Thomas Kettle. "A pre-1955 Rolex has doubled in price during the last three years. A 1927 Rolex Oyster, for example, which was around £400 three years ago, now sells for over £1,000 in auction and more through retail outlets."

But, he warns: "An old watch is a bit like a vintage car. It needs to be treated with respect. If you buy an old watch in need of restoration, be prepared to spend money on it. Re-conditioning a Rolex could cost around £150 and then you'll need to spend roughly £25 a year servicing it, replacing the glass and so on."

If you despair of anyone restoring grandfather's fob which hasn't ticked for 40 years, take heart. According to Saunders, "anything can be fixed, given time, money and skill". Thomas Kettle tackles all restoration work, using a tumbling machine to joggle watches for 24 hours to make sure they'll stand up to daily wear and tear, and offering a six-month guarantee. The shop is at 53a Neal Street, London WC2.

Anyone interested in buying or selling vintage watches might usefully contact Tina Miller at Sotheby's. "We're rather selective about what we buy and focus mainly on half a dozen manufacturers such as Rolex, Cartier, Patek Philippe, Audemars Piguet, Jaeger Le Coultre, Vacheron & Constantin and Longines," she says. "Now that collecting vintage watches has become so fashionable, they can sometimes fetch as much as £30,000, although we sell many in the region of several hundred pounds. Ladies' watches are difficult to sell and it's the men's pre-war models which attract most interest."

Sotheby's also sells new watches — unwanted presents — which often go for a third of their retail equivalent, especially Rolex. Their next sale of vintage watches is on April 28 at 34 New Bond Street, London W1. Telephone 01-493 8080 for a catalogue (£6).

Are there any pitfalls to avoid when buying secondhand? "Be careful about buying from street markets," Rick Saunders advises. "Unless you're very knowledgeable, it's hard to know about the watch's condition. Everyone will try and restore an old watch to make it look good but how solid is the workmanship? After all, it's the mechanical condition that's important, not its looks. Be wary, too, of 'rogue' watches which have been inscribed with famous names. Insist that you see the inside of the watch and for good measure ensure that the movement, as well as the case, is inscribed."

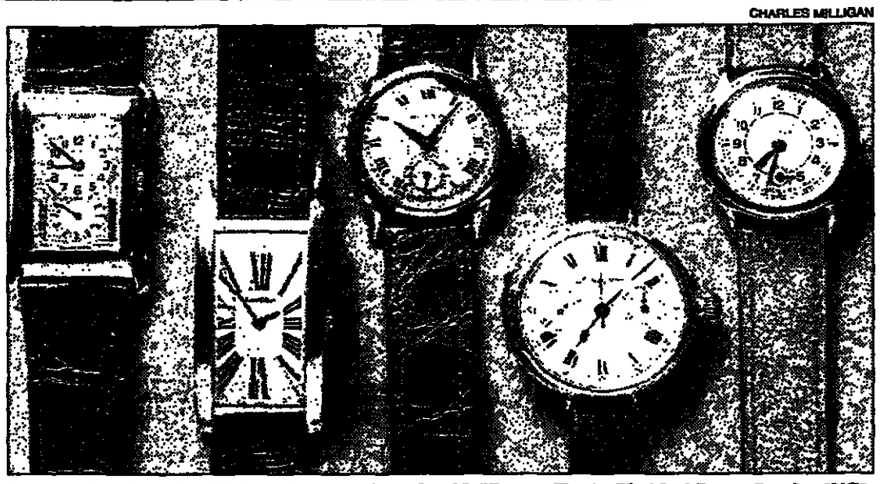
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Even older timepieces, dating from 1660, are sold at No. 7, Piccadilly Arcade, London SW1. Recently on offer were a 1790 triple case silver verge pocket watch for £1,200; an 18ct Audemars Piguet, dating from around 1900, with a minute repeater, £4,500; and a Breguet 18ct man's wrist watch made in 1950, £4,600.

Vintage watches can also be tracked down at Antiquarius, 135-141 King's Road, London SW3 and at stalls, such as Studium and Cozy World, in Gray's Antique Market, 58 Davies Street, London W1.

Metropolis, a new shop in Soho, sells retro designs from the past 50 years, and has an eye-catching selection of eccentric watches from the Sixties. Some come in shocking colours — orange, red, turquoise — and some have flashy chrome bangles but none has ever been worn. Metropolis is at 3 D'Arblay Street, London W1.

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Marking time: from left, 1930s 9ct Rolex Prince, £4,500, Thomas Kettle, 53a Neal Street, London WC2; curvex "Tank" by Cartier, c. 1959, £13,000, The Watch Gallery, 129 Fulham Road, London SW3; 1930s Hamilton, £175, Studium at Gray's Antique Market, 58 Davies Street, London W1; 1930s Longines, £650, Cozy World at Gray's Antique Market; steel Rolex Oyster, £475, Thomas Kettle

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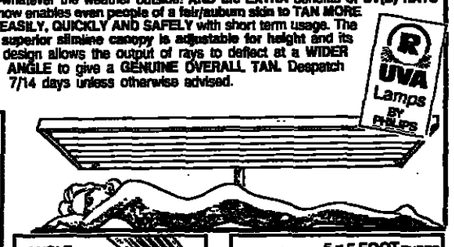
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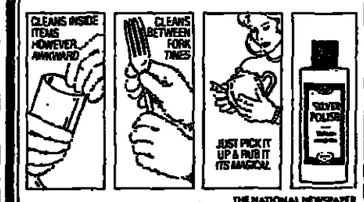
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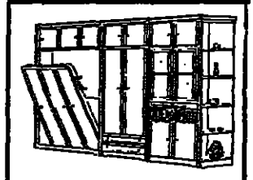
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Passing the test of time

FRANCIS MOSLEY



In the fickle food scene a 20-year run is worthy of note, writes Jonathan Meades

I have here a glossy paperback published in 1974 and entitled *The Restaurateurs' Own Guide to Dining Out in Britain*. Of the 128 London establishments that bought space in this *soi-disant* guide (actually an "advertorial") somewhere between 90 and 100 of them no longer exist.

One that does, and in something close to its original state, is Leith's, which is on the edge of the Ladbroke estate in Notting Hill, beside the Hanging Gardens of North Kensington: it is now just over 20 years old. Such longevity in a business which is so dependent on fashion and on the fickle will of the ordinary mouth in the street is unusual.

There are no doubt manifold reasons why this place should have kept slogging away where others have thrown in the towel: one, presumably, is the resolve of Prue Leith. Another, more difficult to gauge, may have something to do with the fact that the place is, and was, atypical of its time. It's not easy to date and thus does not seem dated. Obviously it is in the interests of certain establishments to appear dated; I'm referring to those which are unmistakably of eras whose decorative stars are in the ascendant. The late Sixties is not such an era, not yet anyway — it's difficult to believe that stripped pine will ever make a comeback, though stranger collective aberrations have occurred.

One reason that it is atypical of restaurants of its vintage is that it was designed by an architect at a time when restaurants weren't designed by anyone in particular. Younger diners might believe that office chairs with casters were commonplace in restaurants the year the Love Affair got to number one and Bobby Kennedy was shot — but I can assure them that they were as odd then as they are now. Likewise the mirrors on the walls which look as though they are set in door panels. Ditto the dado which is freakishly low and invites comparison with dresses whose "waists" are situated at thigh level. The floor is made of matt anthracite-coloured tiles. The ceiling is constellated with lights of a more or less industrial sort.

The fact of the matter is that the decorative scheme is dependent on the sort of component one sees in the advertising pages of *Architectural Review* and *Blueprint* but never seems to come across in real life. The food, too, is rather oddball, unselfconsciously and unstrivingly eccentric. It is as though two or three different kitchens were working in parallel, adhering to contrary conventions, and having the results of their labours served without knowledge of each other. You might say that this is a place that hedges its bets, or one that really can't make up its mind.

The convention of the *hors-d'oeuvres* trolley is way out of kilter with the highly accomplished main courses; this combination is a case of gastronomic anachronism. Which is not to say that certain of the things from the trolley are not delicious. There is, for instance, a strange and splendid pie of artichoke and green olives; it belongs to a different (and much better) world than does a rather iffy salad of spinach and bean sprouts. Again, a further instance of half-hearted orientalism, a chicken salad with sesame oil and sesame seeds, seems to have nothing to do with such a dish as the absolutely correct gravadlax. This miscegenation of gastronomic cultures is Leith's weak point.

The strong points are dishes such as beef fillet with an unsurpassable watercress sauce, a terrific lamb and venison dish with a sauce tinged with whisky, the pastry cooking, the slightly *cordon-bleu*-ish sweets, the Hispanic service by members of a *cofridia*, the startling wine list, the general air of being in a *proper* restaurant which knows its business.

The wine list is an invitation to Carey Street. There are numerous bottles in three figures and a few in four. But it is certainly not lacking in bargains. Acting with reluctant responsibility we drank a half of Pouilly Fumé, and a half of '84 Leoville Barton which was terrific. The bill, for two, was £83.95; 15 years ago, it says here, it would have been about £17; 15 years hence, . when the place will surely still be going . . .

While Leith's is patently a one-off, Hill's, which has recently opened half a mile away at the point where Bayswater Road becomes Notting Hill Gate, suffers from being out of a familiar mould. It is the conformist late Eighties London restaurant to a tee. It's pink, garnished with floral fabrics by, probably, Warner's; although it's a basement it's airy with a pretend rusticity; there is abundant use of such fashionable ingredients as flavoured vinegars and fancy salad leaves. Such an establishment is to be found in pretty nearly every suburb, though within the genre standards tend, of course, to vary.

What is unmistakably good at Hill's is the *shopping*. Ingredients such as a veal steak (which was served with a lightish mustard sauce) are of a high standard. The cheeses from the South Kensington shop called Jeroboam are impeccable and the brie is remarkable — it possesses a real cowshed taste.

The cooking is technically sound but tends to bullyingly over-assertive sauces: a nicely flavoured artichoke mousse was given a fearsomely potent red pepper sauce; lamb's kidneys (again, good meat) had to fight against a rich sauce of cider vinegar; the sweets were very sweet indeed. In other words the chef's taste doesn't yet match his technique.

Still, if the kitchen begins to show a spot of restraint things will be on target — though whether they'll be on target for a 20-year run is another matter altogether. The service is efficient, friendly and courteous; the set lunch at £11.50 for three courses is very reasonably priced. The wine list includes a passable Gigondas at £10.50. Two will pay about £45 at lunchtime and about £57 at dinner.

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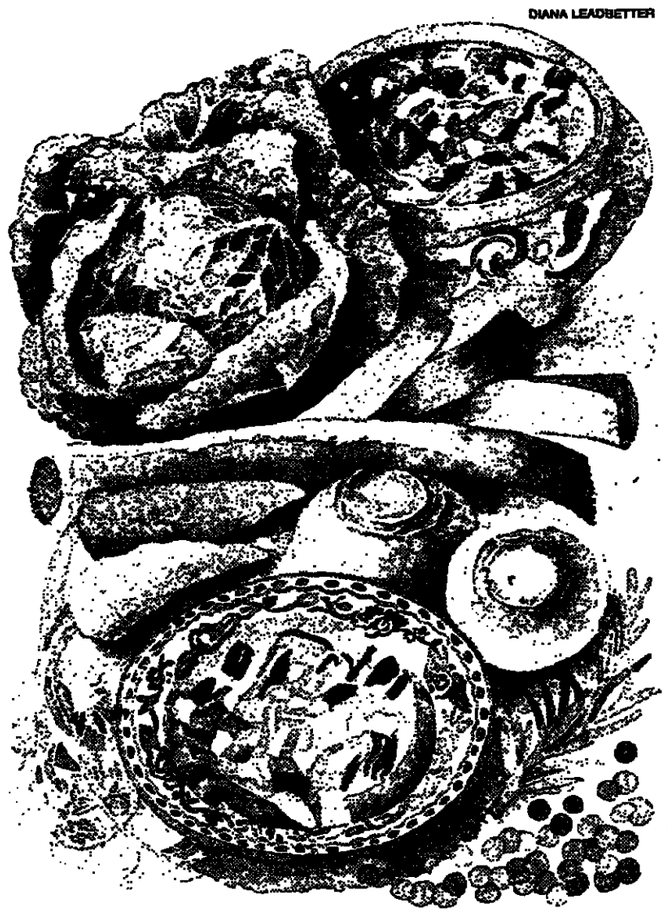
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Odds and ends left over on a Friday are rarely thrown away in **Frances Bissell's** kitchen

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DIANA LEADBETTER



There is one cooking task during the week that I find particularly satisfying, and the end results are just as enjoyable. The Friday soup is indeed made on Friday, for lunch or supper. Into it goes what is left in the vegetable basket, a handful of lentils or beans, some dried pasta, herbs, perhaps a few pieces of bacon and whatever meat stock I have left over in the refrigerator.

At this time of year, it is beginning to resemble a good Tuscan minestrone, with the first of the courgettes coming in from Spain and that crinkly, crunchy Savoy cabbage. The batch of tomato sauce I made earlier in the week for gnocchi and pasta is almost finished so the few remaining spoonfuls of that also find their way into the soup. The last of the wholemeal loaf is trimmed and sliced, toasted on one side and a piece put into a heated soup bowl with a trickle of olive oil poured on the untoasted side. The soup, by now almost a vegetable stew, is ladled on top of the bread and the heel of cheese bought the weekend before is grated on top.

Thus, a delicious dish, practically a meal in itself, is produced economically. The vegetable basket has been emptied and the bread and cheese rescued before they become dry and stale. Whenever I can, I try to avoid wastage in this way. I can then go about my shopping the next day with a much clearer conscience.

I try not to overbuy, but it is difficult to curb this tendency, particularly when, as now, there is so much salad produce to choose from. Inevitably it goes limp after a few days however well you keep it. One way to revive it, which works particularly well for radicchio, oak leaf lettuce and other leaves, is to fill a large bowl with cold water, drop in a few ice cubes and the salad leaves. Leave them for 30 minutes, then take out of the water, and dry carefully before using. They will have plumped out and crisped up to a surprising degree. On the whole, I prefer not to soak vegetables as this tends to leach out some of the minerals, but if they have been sitting around in the salad drawer of the refrigerator for a few days, they will no longer be bursting with goodness anyway.

At the moment, I am trying to decide what to do with a large bowl of Sicilian blood oranges bought at the beginning of the week in a fit of enthusiasm. A sorbet perhaps? Juice for Sunday breakfast? Or a terrific Bucks Fizz . . .

Do not worry if you do not have the exact vegetables listed below. Substitute others as you wish. Sieved tomatoes can be used in place of the tomato sauce.

Friday soup
(Serves 4: divide quantities in half to serve 2)

- 1 medium onion
- 2 medium carrots
- 2 small turnips
- 1 large or 2 small leeks
- 2 celery stalks
- piece of fennel bulb
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- ¼ pint/140 ml homemade tomato sauce
- handful green lentils
- 2 pints/1.15 litres stock
- 2 courgettes
- ¼lb/110g shredded cabbage
- 2oz/60g spaghetti
- 2oz/60g chopped bacon or cooked ham (optional)
- sprig rosemary, thyme or sage
- 1 bay leaf
- seasoning to taste

Peel, slice or dice the vegetables, and fry in the olive oil until just browning. Stir in the tomato sauce, add the lentils and stock, bring to the boil, cover and simmer for 20 minutes. Add the rest of the ingredients, bring back to the boil, cover and simmer for a further 15 to 20 minutes. Serve very hot.

The following recipe is very quick and easy to prepare. You can vary the marinade and spices to suit your own taste and store-cupboard. I like to serve the chops with Patna, Basmati or brown rice (the last needs longer cooking than the other two) and a vegetable cooked in plenty of juices, such as a ratatouille-type dish. Unlikely though it may sound, cod cutlets are delicious marinated, cooked and served in the same way, although they cook far more quickly of course.

Grilled spiced pork chops
(Serves 4)

- 4 pork chops
- 2 tablespoons mustard
- 1 tablespoon fruit chutney or apricot jam
- ½ teaspoon chilli sauce OR ¼ teaspoon chilli powder
- 2 cloves crushed garlic
- 1 tablespoon good sherry
- ½ tablespoon soy sauce
- 1 teaspoon Worcester sauce
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- 1 teaspoon ground coriander

Trim excess fat from the chops. Mix the rest of the ingredients together and brush it over the chops. Let them stand for at least 30 minutes to absorb some of the flavours. You can even prepare the meat in the morning, cover it and refrigerate it until required. Heat the grill and place the chops under the grill. Cooking time will depend on the thickness of the meat, not its overall weight. Make sure the meat is cooked through. Turn once only during the cooking time.

Fresh fruit is one of the nicest, simplest ways to end a meal, but for something a little sweeter, stir a teaspoonful of good jam, jelly or honey into a ramekin of thick, natural yoghurt or soft, low fat cheese such as "quark" or "fromage frais". Jam or honey can also be used to sweeten a fluffy omelette to be served at the end of a meal. Use a small non-stick omelette pan for best results.

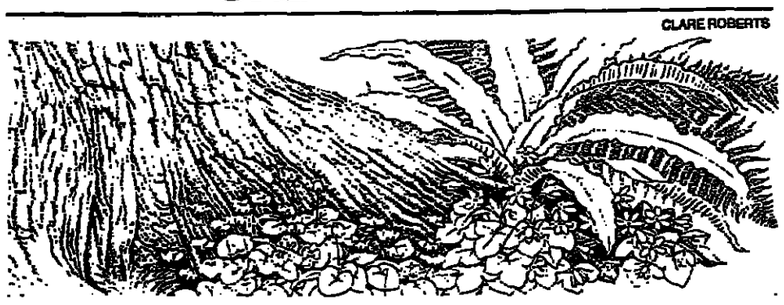
Jam omelette
(Serves 2)

- 3 eggs, separated
- 2 dessertspoons jam or honey
- 2 teaspoons icing sugar

Separate the eggs. Beat the yolks with a tablespoon of cold water. Whisk the egg whites, and fold gently into the yolks. Heat the pan, and pour in the egg mixture. Cook until the underside is set, and place the pan under a moderate grill to lightly cook the top. Fold the omelette over, cut it in half and serve on heated plates with a spoonful of jam or honey and sprinkled with icing sugar.

GARDENING

CLARE ROBERTS



New light on shade

Shady or sheltered beds and borders can provide unexpected pleasure, writes Francesca Greenoak

With the firm prejudice that shade is a problem, I was dismayed when we moved house and found I would be taking charge of an 80ft-long shady border. However, it did not take long for my mind to change completely.

Among the advantages are an extended flowering period, the shelter afforded by a hedge, wall or trees, and the range of plants which, far from being restricted, seems inexhaustible. Plants which grow best away from fierce sunlight can afford greater delicacy and complexity in flower and foliage; the darkly crimped *Rogersia pinnata* with its panicles of frothy flowers, veratrums with their large, pleated leaves, or the delicate dicentras with intricate feathery grey-green foliage.

There are many plants which are easy to grow and will spread themselves, quickly populating a new shady bed or border. Columbines, honesty (*Aquilega* and *Lunaria* spp), lady's mantle *Alchemilla mollis* and foxgloves will quickly make a good show and self seed in bare places.

Plants which grow naturally in woodland conditions, such as snowdrops, winter aconite primroses and hellebores, do well in shaded gardens. There are other exciting possibilities, such as hepatica (native to continental woodlands) with their dark, well-shaped leaves, evergreen in a mild winter, setting off their dainty blue flowers. Try to buy plants rather than the dried tubers, which need nursing in a mixture of equal parts of peat and sand until well-rooted, when they can be safely planted outside. Much more readily available and easily naturalized is the daisy-like blue *Anemone blanda*.

There are plants such as cyclamen (*Cyclamen hederifolia* and *C. coum*), toad lilies (*Tricyrtis spp*) and ferns which do not thrive at all without shade. More surprising, perhaps, is the performance of some of the plants one associates with sunny situations; I have summer spires of purple loosestrife, the Mediterranean sea holly (*Eryngium*) and sun-loving toadflaxes (*Linaria spp*) in a place where the sun reaches only in mid-afternoon in summer and not at all in the winter. If you can give such plants the shelter and soil conditions they enjoy and a little rock potash to encourage flowering, this compensates for less than ideal light conditions.

All the plants mentioned will flourish in the shade in a reasonably fertile soil. To give the best conditions, incorporate organic material such as compost and composted manure of leafmould into the beds, and on heavy soils add a good proportion of grit to open them up and prevent waterlogging. As a rough rule of thumb, plants grown principally for foliage can tolerate deeper shade than those you choose for their flowers.

Of course, there is a good choice not only of herbacious perennials but of shrubs and climbing plants. One thinks of tree peonies, camellias, choisia, hydrangeas and the elders flowering at different times through the season. There are many clematis which are shade-tolerant, such as the fragrant monatanas (*Clematis montana odorata* or *Wilsonii*) and the Hydrangea petiolaris will do well in shade, even on a north wall.

● Amdega, conservatory builders, are at Faverdale, Darlington, Co. Durham DL3 0PW (0325 468522). The address was given wrongly last week.

WEEKEND TIPS

- Sow aubergines and sweet peppers to be raised in a heated greenhouse.
- Prepare the ground for sowing new lawns: clean and dig the area, break down clods of soil, firm and make a tilth (protect from cats).
- Plant early potatoes and onion sets.
- Give well-grown seedlings a weak liquid feed if you have to delay planting them out.
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Buy up big for Easter

Buy in bulk for convivial celebrations next weekend, **Jane MacQuitty** advises

With most wine outlets shut over Easter, apart from a crowded, queue-franght Saturday, it makes sense to stock up on holiday wines over the next few days. As most of us will be celebrating Easter with friends or family, bulk purchases are likely to be high on everyone's list. So, well done Marks & Spencer and Oddbins for anticipating our Easter requirements with some appealing discounted bulk offers.

Marks & Spencer's offer of 12 bottles for the price of 11 (that's roughly a 9¼ per cent reduction) operates from now until April 19 on a selected range of 13 white and red Bordeaux wines. The offer is limited to unmixed cases only and runs from a basic white Entre Deux Mers (down from £2.75 to £2.52) to the rather more toothsome, gutsy, grassy heights of M & S's '85 own-label Margaux, none other than the second wine of Brane Cantenac, down from £6.50 to £5.95.

My favourite among this baker's dozen of cut-price cases is the splendid '85 Château Haut Gaillardet, a *petit château* claret, which M & S has apparently sold for some time. Haut Gaillardet is a Bordeaux Supérieur property in the Côtes de Castillon, a Bordeaux satellite whose value for money wines are the finest currently being offered by the Côtes de Bordeaux right bank vineyards.

What I like about this fruity claret, from the fine '85 vintage, is its attractive deep crimson-purple colour, backed up by a lovely fresh, grassy, redcurranty scent, due to the one third Cabernet Franc grape in its mix, plus its fresh plummy, albeit youthful, palate. The palate comes from the 50 per cent of the Merlot grape that, with a small proportion of Cabernet Sauvignon, completes the Haut Gaillardet orchestra. A bargain Easter claret this, down from £3.99 a bottle to £3.65 by the unmixed case, and it would be delicious with that traditional Easter Sunday dish of new season lamb.

Oddbins' offer, alas, finishes tomorrow. But if you are quick you should still be able to secure your share today of their seven bottles of red Rhône wines for the price of six. Just four wines are included in this offer and I think the best bargain among them is the red '84 Côtes du Rhône from Guigal — one of the most revered names in the Rhône. The Guigals' immaculate cellar is perhaps best known for its wondrous Côte Rôtie wines but this, no doubt the humblest wine they put their name to, is much removed from the humdrum level of most Côtes du Rhône reds. Surprisingly, this rich purple Guigal wine with its spicy black pepper and violets scent, plus its concentrated and equally spicy-fruity palate, is a product of the dreary 1984 vintage. Usually priced at £4.49 a bottle, Oddbins' seven for the price of six offer brings this predominantly Grenache wine down to a tempting £3.85.

If Easter turns out to be the endlessly sunny holiday for which we all hope (and rarely get), then a few spring-like white wines are called for. Domaine de Paradis sounds a suitably enticing bottle, and for once the wine within lives up to its name. Threshers have just bought in a special parcel of Paradis for Easter, at the useful price of £2.99 a bottle. I enjoyed the fresh, green, leafy-citric scent and vibrant lemony palate of this '86 Domaine de Paradis.

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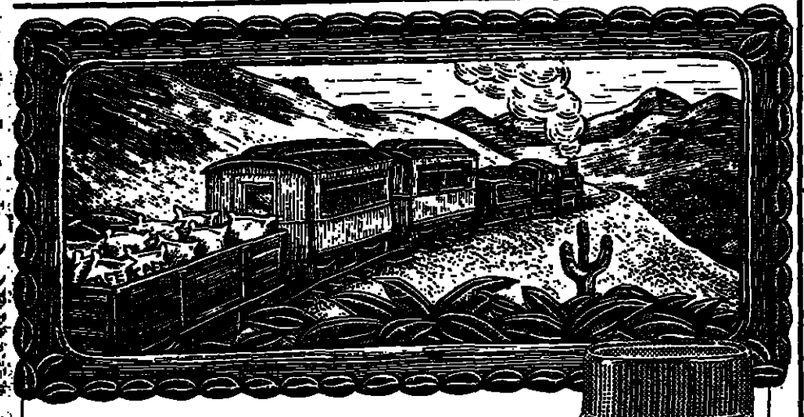
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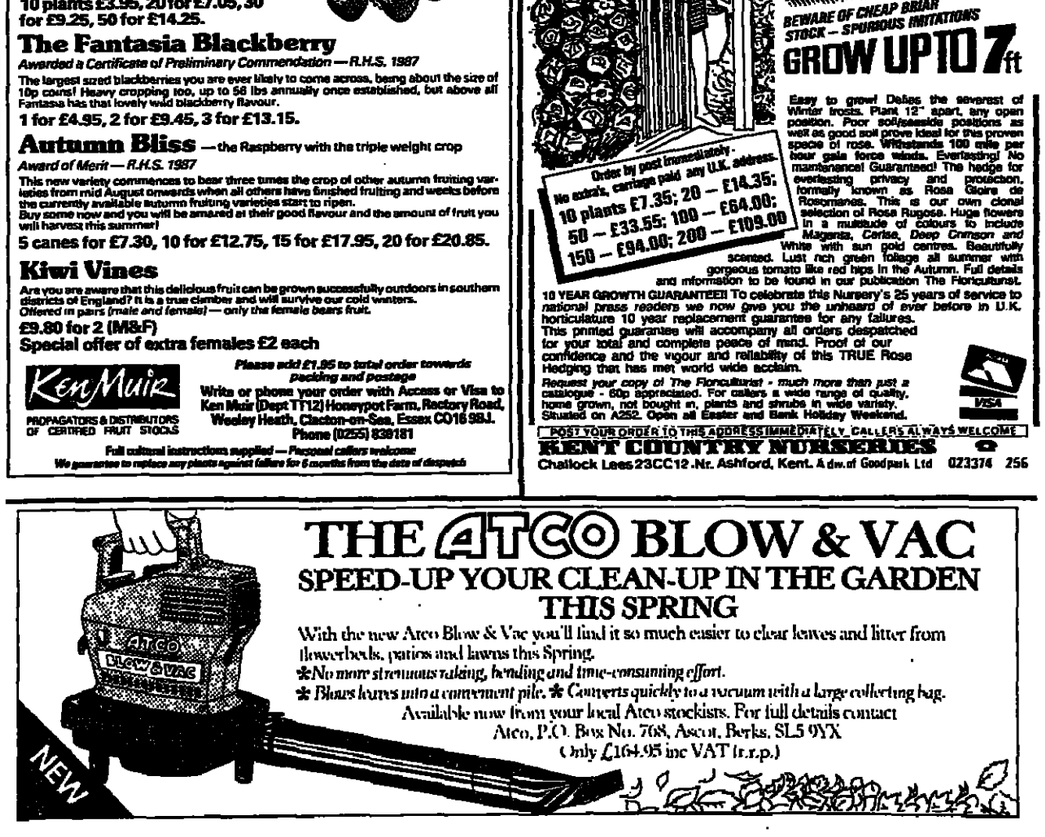
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THE ARTS

From the horse's mouth

The English Thoroughbred **(BBC2) had an unusual pedigree for a programme about horse racing. It came not from the sports department but from that famous arts stable, *Arena* — which is no doubt why in the middle it cut from a horse sale to the auction of Van Gogh's "Sunflowers".**

Mary Dickinson's film was full of talking heads and nodding ones, often at the same time. Equine or no, they were horsey but the programme was not made for the racing expert, or by one. The only sign of an interviewer was the occasional muffled, hesitant question from a disembodied female voice when, as is so rare for racing people, there was a momentary pause in the flow of horse talk.

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The natural reserve of that great figure of the English turf, Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid al Maktoum, made the voice do a little more work. Being game enough, not to say rich enough, to treat racing as a sport rather than a business, he seemed completely perplexed when he was asked whether he preferred breeding or racing horses.

The selection of interviewees and the *editing* inevitably imposed a view of racing. But the strength of this view was its very lack of didacticism. The outsider kept a loose rein; not only were the insiders given their head but the camera was allowed to linger after a particular racing opinion was made so the peculiarities of their personalities appeared in a leisurely rhythm.

Inevitably, there were some comic counterpointing of English upper-class tones and horse flesh, but most intriguing, considering racing's argument about breeding versus environment, was the double act of Mr and Mrs Henry Cecil, who not only spoke for each other in verbal harmony but seemed to grow physically more alike on camera.

Andrew Hislop

The new reign of talent

New York is staging a festival of feature films by newcomers to the cinema. David Robinson selects some of the names to watch out for in the future



Undercover partners: Arsinée Khanjian as the sex-by-phone girl and Aidan Tierney, the hero, plotting together in the black comedy *Family Viewing*

The annual "New Directors-New Films" series, presented jointly by the Film Society of Lincoln Centre and the Film Department of the Museum of Modern Art, serves as a spring annexe to the autumn New York Film Festival.

It promotes work by newcomers who could too easily be upstaged by the big names in the festival proper. The shrewdness of its selection (about 30 films are taken out of 300 considered) was proven last year when four of the films subsequently figured in the top 20 foreign hits at the United States box office.

The youngest and brightest of the new talents discovered this year is 27-year-old Atom Egoyan, an Armenian, born in Egypt and raised in Canada, where he made the extraordinary **Family Viewing**. The film cost practically nothing, but cost is irrelevant where there is a talent and a mind like Egoyan's at work, crackling from the screen like electric sparks.

His film is a bizarre comedy, with *sparse Pinterish dialogue*, that ranges philosophically over a variety of contemporary social disorders, including family breakdown, the immigrant experience, sexual frustration in manifold forms and, above all, the ever-spreading contamination by the electronic media.

The hero is a melancholy, pasty-faced youth (Aidan Tierney) who resents his brutish father, fends off the sexual assaults of his father's live-in mistress, and cares lovingly for his Armenian grandmother, discarded into a seedy home for geriatrics. He joins forces with a lady who works for a sex-by-telephone agency (whose services are used by his father) to bring about a surreal denouement.

Throughout, the video monitor is ever-present: the television screens which mesmerize the geriatric patients; the porno home-videos which the father records, wiping off old records of a past and happier family life; the surveillance screens of offices or private investigators.

The video screen, in fact, provides an all-purpose metaphor for private or communal memory and for social alienation. Throughout the film, Egoyan interpolates passages of electronically recorded images, of varying picture quality, to produce distinctive visual textures.

There was a moving tribute to the arrival of this exceptional new talent at the recent Montreal New Cinema Festival, when Wim Wenders insisted on turning over to Egoyan the first prize awarded to his own *Wings of Desire*.

Jean-Pierre Denis's **Champ d'honneur** is an example of a good film that was practically overlooked when it appeared as a little fish in the big pool of the Cannes Festival last year. Denis pursues his film career concurrently with a job in the French customs service; and *Champ d'honneur* took three years to make.

It is an impeccably staged period drama, set in the Franco-Prussian war of 1870 and setting out to show that honour and human decency can survive the battlefield. The personable Cris Campion plays a peasant youth who goes to the army as substitute for a rich conscript in order to relieve the family debts. Through all the horrors of war, Denis manages to sustain a remarkable tenderness in his treatment of the soldier, a little boy who befriends him, and the tribulations of the folks left back home.

Robert Glinski's **Sunday Pranks** is a bitter fable from Poland, completed five years ago, but only released with the current political relaxations. It is set on a day in 1953 when Warsaw is busy mourning the death of Stalin, and the kids from a bomb-damaged housing block are left to play in the courtyard.

Our Gang amuse themselves with imitations of grown-up games like "shoot-the-Jews" and "everyone-takes-orders-from-the-man-with-the-medals". The fat bully of the gang becomes an infant Stalin, and the children's play becomes a very sinister allegory. Running only one hour, *Sunday Pranks* is virtuoso film-making which incidentally demonstrates the enduring effectiveness of black-and-white photography.

Like all good allegories, *Sunday Pranks* works even for anyone unaware of the political background, and the same goes for another Polish film (shelved since 1981), Jerzy Domaradzki's **The Great Race**. This is also set at the close of the Stalin era, and describes the preparations and politics of a Peace Run, designed, of course, in the service of anti-American propaganda.

A world away from such dark political parables is a first feature by a young African director, Idrissa Ouedraogo, working in Burkina Faso (formerly Upper Volta). A gentle, limpid, optimistic tale of a peasant family's migration from the drought-riden north to more fertile lands in the south, the outstanding achievement of **The Choice** is to make its exotic places and people instantly comprehensible and winningly familiar.

The British representatives in the New Directors series, screened at the Museum of Modern Art, included Christine Edzard's **Little Dorrit** and Peter Wollen's **Friendship's Death**.

Miserly awards misery

Andrew Billen on the furore caused by this week's cutbacks in London arts grants

For an organization with £8 million of taxpayers' largesse to distribute, London's regional arts association has been left with remarkably few friends this week following the announcement of its annual grant awards. It has managed not only to drive the Arts Council to distraction but its own chairman of black arts to quit.

Faced with a 10 per cent cut in its funding this year, Greater London Arts (GLA) could have imposed the reductions uniformly. By distributing fair shares of misery to all, it might even have focused attention on its miserly award from 105, Piccadilly.

Instead, the outcry by hard-done-by theatres, dance troupes and art galleries has ensured that resentment has focused on the criteria GLA has used to choose when deciding who to support and who to cut. These weigh judgements about artistic standards and administrative competence against other priorities: black and ethnic minority arts, the disabled, the geographical spread of arts provision, education and training.

Trevor Vibert, GLA's director, argues passionately for the emphasis on black arts, which accounts for a quarter of all



Target: GLA's Trevor Vibert

spending on annual clients. He claims society is stockpiling misery and turmoil if the images of blacks presented via the arts are not improved.

So GLA is not in the business of disinterested support of London Arts. It is committed to redressing the balance of arts provision in London, which it sees as dominated by the West End and the South Bank. Ultimately it wants to use art to change the place of black people in society and to that extent is a quasi-political organization.

At some unspecified date another issue, perhaps better provision for pensioners, may take precedence. In the meantime there is little being done for those who would like to see GLA's enthusiastic support for a theatre, such as the Almeida in Islington, where a white middle-class ambience has not precluded artistic excellence.

Vibert says GLA is democratic because its policies are clearly stated and open for public debate. But, although funded by the Arts Council, the British Film Institute and the London boroughs, it is ruled by an executive in which local authority representatives are in a minority. London councils could go Tory tomorrow and the radical left begemony would be maintained.

Nor is Luke Rittner, secretary-general of the Arts Council — who met Vibert this week after six unsuccessful attempts to reach him on the phone — empowered to replace the executive. Though relations between the two bodies are strained, not least over the Almeida and how GLA should interpret the Arts Council's own commitments to minorities, it is improbable that the Council would use its sanction and withdraw GLA's grant.

At GLA's budget meeting on Tuesday, there was much self-congratulation over the "integrity" of its complicated assessment process. Yet there were sufficient doubts about it for the executive to refer back the controversial recommendation to cut off the Academy of Indian Dance and for Jatinder Verma to resign as chairman of the black arts committee over the assessment of black organizations.

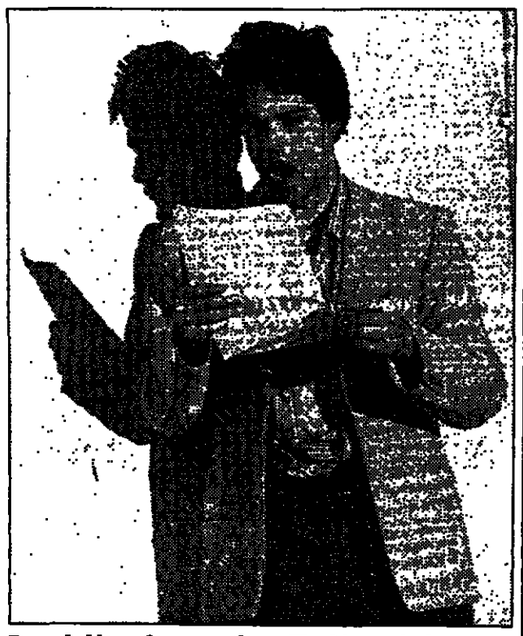
The British Theatre Association claims that a single comment at the performing arts committee overturned advice to continue its grant. The same committee voted no fewer than seven times to arrive at its cut in funding for the Playwrights Co-operative — and then changed its mind again.

The executive was subjected to intense lobbying to challenge some of the more opaque recommendations. Yet in practice it could not reject individual recommendations without jeopardizing the whole grants package. Its appeals committee in May is likely to be faced with quite a lot of work.

TV PREVIEW

Osborne scores in video

Electrification of the Soviet Union
BBC2, tonight



Remarkable performance: Omar Ebrahim as the lover-poet

Late-night Channel 4 viewers may recall the "video operas" emanating from the New York avant-garde of a decade ago. Their prime characteristics were mediocre, minimal music, baffling non-stories and an adventurous use of the video medium.

Nigel Osborne's music for *The Electrification of the Soviet Union* rises way above all that: it is probably his best score and certainly his most approachable, both in its Prokofiev-like ruggedness and its surprisingly attractive lyrical interludes. But this BBC TV film of the Osborne and Craig Raine opera, commissioned by Glyndebourne, premièred there last October and returning this summer, does have that familiar video-opera feel: the cleverer the images you see, the less sure you become of what on earth the thing is about.

For although *The Electrification* is set before and after the Russian Revolution, as viewed obliquely through a Boris Pasternak novella about a poet recalling his brief affair with a young governess, the action is so splintered and enigmatic, and the stage situations so stylized, that it almost loses its historical context altogether.

It is really placed in an all-purpose "Kafka nightmare" world in which characters, dislocated from family and even from the basic love impulse, cling to walls that slither away from them while trying to make some sense of their own, warped particle of reality.

The production, by young American director Peter Sellars, tends either to evoke the frenetic hysteria of the madhouse or the stillness of the morgue. Scenes can last as little as 10 seconds, and no time is spent on conventional matters like establishing characters or setting.

In other words, viewers must work hard.

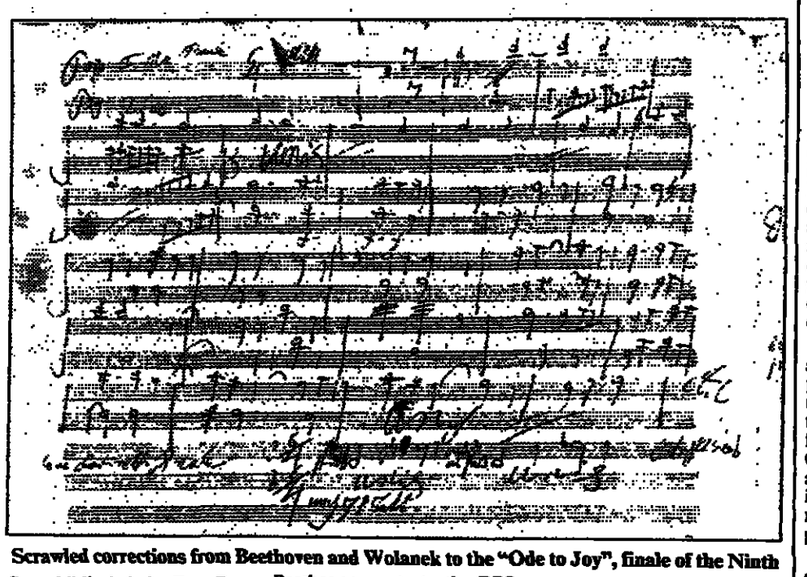
On the other hand, some remarkable performances from a young cast (particularly Omar Ebrahim as the poet and Elizabeth Laurence as the governess) do hold the attention throughout. Elgar Howarth conducts.

The title, incidentally, is half of a Lenin quotation. But do not expect the opera to tell you anything about power stations.

Richard Morrison

Mysteries from the master

Stephen Pettitt looks behind the sale of two Beethoven manuscripts at Sotheby's



Scrawled corrections from Beethoven and Wolanek to the "Ode to Joy", finale of the Ninth

Going under the hammer at Sotheby's on May 6 are two hitherto unknown Beethoven manuscripts. The provenance of neither has been disclosed, but both are of importance in contributing to our knowledge of how details in two of the composer's masterpieces were finalized, and as such they are remarkable discoveries.

The first is a sheet of four pages containing a list of revisions, alterations and corrections, in no particular order, to the first, second and last movements of the Ninth Symphony. It is written in Beethoven's untidy scrawl in brown ink and pencil, though there are some clearer annotations by Beethoven's copyist, Ferdinand Wolanek.

The heading to the sheet is somewhat circumspect, translating as "possible alterations". But the manuscript provides some vital information. It includes a revision of the bassoon parts for the Finale's great double fugue, additional phrase and dynamic markings and accidentals, the substitution of 6/4 time for the original 3/2 in the last movement, and a note about observing repeats in the Scherzo's *da capo*.

None of these corrections appears in the work's autograph, now in the Deutsche Staatsbibliothek in East Berlin. All, however, are incorporated in the first printing, which Schott published in August 1826.

Stephen Roe, of Sotheby's, thinks that the sheet probably corrects two intermediate sources: the score, now in the British Library, which Beethoven sent to the Royal Philharmonic Society, the work's commissioners, after its first performance in 1824, and the text from which the work was to be printed, now in the Stadtbibliothek at Mainz, which contains corrections made in December 1824 and January 1825 by Wolanek.

At roughly the same time, Beethoven wrote to the RPS about corrections being made to its score, and the list he sent with his letter is also predominantly in Wolanek's hand. Both sets of corrections coincide remarkably with the list in this manuscript.

It appears that Wolanek copied both his list for the RPS score and the corrections he made to the printer's working manuscript from this piece of paper, which thus confirms Beethoven's intentions beyond doubt.

What the sums in Beethoven's hand on the *verso* of folio two are, however, remains a charming mystery.

The other new Beethoven source is a sketch-leaf for the slow movement of the "Hammerklavier" Sonata, again in an untidy hand and in brown ink with pencilled markings, and with a fold suggesting that it might have been fitted into Beethoven's pocket.

Some of the material is identifiable from the finished work, some not. But the importance of this find lies in the fact that no other substantial sketches and no autograph manuscripts of the "Hammerklavier" (1817-18) are known.

Sotheby's expects £60,000 to £100,000 for the Ninth Symphony corrections and £20,000 to £30,000 for the "Hammerklavier" sketches.

From Tuesday

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Awe in a vacuum

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CONCERTS

The Barbican's "celebration of British music" moved across the Thames on Thursday, but lured so few people that the celebratory note was rather muted. This was sad when the programme included so much showy music: Colin Matthews's virtuoso stunner *Suns Dance*, and Birtwistle's *Verses for Ensembles* especially. It is not easy to strike awe in a vacuum of empty seats.

The Matthews suffered most with dulled colours and a sense that all the activity was happening somewhere in the middle distance. The Birtwistle rose above the circumstances with Philip Eastop's horn calls and the brilliant trumpet duets of John Wallace and Simon Ferguson. This splendidly rich, odd performance, conducted by Oliver Knussen, reached a peak of tightly drawn extravagance in Michael Collins's knife-like E flat clarinet solo and in the extraordinary clogged belches from the brass that followed.

There were also two pieces by composers still under 30: Simon Holt's . . . *era madrugada* and Rupert Bawden's *Le Livre de Fauvel*. Holt's atmosphere of soft dawn light and sharp menace was well conveyed, the fuzzy grey sounds of a mixed septet making room for John Alley's flamboyant piano solo.

Bawden, better known as a string player, conducted his own piece, which apparently is some kind of halfway stage between the original moral allegory and a ballet version the composer is planning for Munich in 1990. His use of soprano and mezzo soloists (Eileen Hulse and Mary King) evokes the memory of Davis's *Leopardi Fragments*. However, Bawden's music is altogether more innocent, being brightly colourful with lean textures bringing a lightness.

Paul Griffiths

Another virgin

Sixteen/Christophers
St John's

Last year, in the journal *Early Music*, the musicologist Graham Dixon posed a fundamental question about Monteverdi's Vespers of 1610. Have we been wrongly assuming that its dedication — "Della Beata Vergine" — referred to Mary, when in fact it was intended to honour another virgin altogether: Barbara, patron saint of the Gonzagas, for whom Monteverdi worked in Mantua?

Not the most pressing dilemma facing modern man, perhaps, but still something that crucially affects how historically aware performers tackle this splendid but problematical music. So on Thursday night, the Vespers were reconstructed according to Dixon's theory.

Acres of plainchant, pertaining to Barbara's good works, were interpolated between familiar polyphonic glories. So was a sumptuous Palestrina motet, unknown to me, "Gaude Barbara". Some pithy Mantuan instrumental pieces also made an appearance. And the evening commenced not with the expected *Orfeo* fanfares of "Domine in adiutorium" but with an ornate organ improvisation.

The Sixteen Choir and Orchestra, directed by Harry Christophers, took a robust, full-blooded view of the big numbers. The dynamic level could have been varied more adventurously, perhaps, and the cross-rhythms needed more dance-like handling.

But the solo singing was often commendably supple, the tenor Neil MacKenzie giving a particularly intense account of "Nigra sum".

It was an excellent idea to consign all the plainchant to a well-drilled platoon of four tenors, who sang nothing else. Less happily conceived were some of Christophers' breathless speeds for the fast passagework.

Richard Morrison

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CHESS

Short shrift

Nigel Short, Britain's chess superstar, won the Euwe Memorial Tournament in Amsterdam last week. It was Category 17, the highest-rated event organized since the Elo system was introduced in 1970.

Short finished ahead of Karpov, Ljubojevic and Timman. Ljubojevic's win against Karpov was the game which enabled Short to edge half a point in front of the former world champion and clinch outright first place.

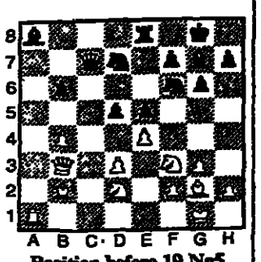
White: Ljubojevic; Black: Karpov. Caro-Kann Defence.

1 e4	c6	2 d3	e5
3 Nd2	Nf6	4 Ngf3	d6
5 g3	g6	6 Bg2	Bg7
7 0-0	0-0	8 a4	Nbd7
9 a5	Re8	10 b4	Rb8
11 Bb2	b5	12 axb6ep	axb6
13 Ra7	Bb7	14 c4	Qc7
15 Qb3	Rb8	16 Rxa8	Bxa8
17 Ra1	d5		

Too ambitious. Ljubojevic casts doubt on this with some neat tactics exploiting a criss-cross of pressure along the a2-g8 and h1-a8 diagonals.

18 cxd5	cxd5	19 Ng5	Qd6
20 exd5	Bxd5	21 Nc4	Qc6
22 Ne3	Bxb3	23 Bxc6	h6
24 Ra3	hxg5	25 Rxb3	Bf8

Black's position is very passive and White's Bishops confer a great advantage to him.



Position before 19 Ng5

26 Kg2	Re6	27 Bb5	Kg7
28 h3	Be7	29 Bc3	Bd8
30 Ra3	Bb6	31 Ra5	Re7
32 Bd2	a4	33 d4	Bc7
34 Rc8	Nf8	35 Bc3	Nf8h7
36 Bc6	Nf8	37 b5	

Black lost on time.

Raymond Keene

● There is a chance to see Britain's other world championship quarter-finalist in action tomorrow when Jon Speelman takes on all comers in a simultaneous display at the Sternberg Centre, the Manor House, 80 East End Road, London N3. Spectators are welcome and there is no entry charge to watch.

BRIDGE

Sting in the tail

As Patrick Jourdain pointed out in Ocho Rios: "Cover an honour with an honour", is a precept with many exceptions. This was the hand that inspired his comment.

Great Britain v Venezuela. *Bermuda Bowl. Game all.* Dealer North.

	♠ AQJ87 ♡ – ◇ J843 ♣ A1094	
♠ 10952 ♡ A10874 ◇ 6 ♣ K32	N W E S	♠ 6 ♡ Q6532 ◇ K102 ♣ 8765
	♠ K43 ♡ KJ9 ◇ AQ975 ♣ QJ	

When Britain were North-South Sheehan and I bid as follows:

W	N	E	S
Caponi	Flint	Hamhoul	Sheehan
–	1♣	No	2◇
No	3♡ (1)	No	3♠
No	4♠	No	4NT
No	5♡ (2)	No	5♠ (3)
No	6◇ (4)	No	No
No	–	–	–

(1) A splinter bid, showing diamond support
(2) Two Aces, but denying either the ♠K or the ◇K
(3) To play. Perhaps conservative, because missing both key Kings North must surely hold a heart void to justify his splinter bid
(4) Theoretically unsound. But Sheehan is not renowned as an overbidder

Sheehan received a spade lead and, fearful of a ruff, played the Ace and another diamond. If the trumps had divided 2-2 the contract would have been assured. As it was, East took his ◇K and played another diamond, which reduced Sheehan's top tricks to eleven. Sheehan won the diamond in hand and played the ♣Q, which West covered with the ♣K. Plus 1370 to Great Britain.

But suppose West unemotionally plays low on the ♣Q. Then Sheehan might well have risen with dummy's ♣A, intending to develop his twelfth trick by discarding his ♣J on the spades and subsequently taking a ruffing finesse against East.

The viewgraph audience enjoyed the Venezuelan bidding sequence.

W	N	E	S
Brock	Manrique	Forrester	Salomon
–	1♠	No	2◇
No	3◇	No	3♠
No	4♠	No	4◇
No	4◇	No	4NT
No	5♣	Double	5NT
No	6◇	No	6♠
No	7◇	No	No
No	–	–	–

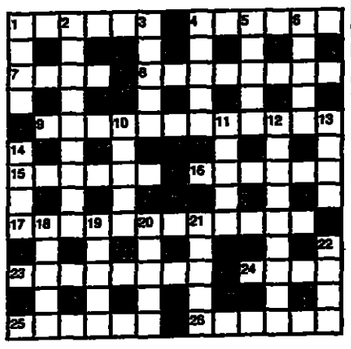
The auction began in the same way, but South's mark time bid of four diamonds allowed North to confirm his heart void. When it appeared to Forrester (East) that North-South were on their way to bidding a successful slam he bravely interjected a psychic double of five clubs in the hope of sowing some confusion. There certainly was some confusion, which propelled the Venezuelans into a most unsavoury Grand slam.

Brock followed up Forrester's smoke screen in the bidding by leading a club. To howls of delight from the British contingent, Salomon swallowed the bait playing dummy's ♣A. Next came the ◇J, covered by the ◇K and ◇A. A heart ruff and a successful finese of the ◇9 were followed by another heart ruff. Now Salomon was able to re-enter his hand with the ♣K, draw the remaining trumps and claim the rest. 13 IMPs to Venezuela. Venezuelan cheers; British disappointment. Lucky? Yes, but very well played, nevertheless.

Have you spotted the sting? It is very difficult to see at the table, but if Forrester declines to cover the ◇J, declarer is deprived of a vital entry to his hand. He can no longer arrange to ruff two hearts and return to hand to draw the outstanding trump.

Jeremy Flint

CONCISE CROSSWORD NO 1524



ACROSS
1 Florence art patrons (6)
4 Fasten (6)
7 Lip caress (4)
8 Vehicle kerb portion (8)
9 "Brighton Rock" author (6,6)
15 Avoids (6)
16 Indian military leader (6)
17 Shakespeare's wife (4,8)
23 Trailed secretly (8)
24 Unemployment benefit (4)
25 Retire for night (4,2)
26 Achieved advantage (6)

DOWN
1 Brand (4)
2 Abandonment (9)
3 Ancient Ephesus region (5)
4 Jargon (5)
5 Hindu class (5)
6 Salient parapet fortification (5)
10 Rabbit house (5)
11 Mrs Gorbachov (5)
12 Try (9)
13 Deserve (4)
14 Largest continent (4)
18 First Indian Pm (5)
19 River Ems port (5)
20 Nile first cataract town (5)
21 Hell (5)
22 Ward off (4)

SOLUTION TO NO 1523
ACROSS: 1 Gothic 4 Bedsit 7 Spin 8 Intimate 9 Allergy 11 Filed 12 Kate Greenaway 15 Flier 16 Justice 20 Name drop 21 Pied 22 Schuss 23 Raided
DOWN: 1 Goshawk 2 Trill 3 Cling 4 Both 5 Shallow 6 Trend 10 Roger 11 Fangs 13 Triumph 14 Yielded 15 Fines 17 Upper 18 Iliad 19 Arts

The winners of prize concise No 1518 are: Mrs G. Standeven, High Street, Hampton Wick, Surrey, and Mr J. D. Dixon, Springfield Road, Sheffield.

SOLUTION TO NO 1518 (Last Saturday's prize concise)
ACROSS: 1 Hiatus 4 Shinto 7 City 8 Laudanum 9 Trinity House 15 Acadia 16 Breath 17 John Ericsson 23 Nebraska 24 Ante 25 Inches 26 Middle

DOWN: 1 Hack 2 Aftermath 3 Salmi 4 Saucy 5 Idaho 6 Truss 10 Naive 11 Harms 12 Unadorned 13 Echo 14 Haji 18 Ocean 19 North 20 Risks 21 Claim 22 Nene

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REVIEW



Epistles of the air

In Perspective, by Rosemary Harthill (BBC, £4.95)

Reading the reflections of the BBC's religious affairs correspondent at one go (which is not recommended), the most lasting impression is of the consistency with which she has attacked the muddle and confusion engendered by the bureaucracy and gobbledegook of church administration. Since her operational area is dominated by a majority who believe that a woman's place is in the congregation, her forthrightness is remarkable.

This collection is a selection of talks made weekly on Radio Four, and for the solitary reader that may be the best pace to take them. For reading out loud to a Bible class or discussion group they could hardly be faulted as a source of stimulation; but it is editorial incompetence to retain the mannerisms of broadcasting on the printed page. To translate the underlinings which speakers use to keep their stresses in the right place into italics is both irritating and insulting; and the peppering of apostrophes of the retained elisions enough to cause hay fever. Asking questions in order to supply answers without appearing too didactic is a common enough technique: doing it in print gives even more time for the questionee to supply an answer quite other than that teacher intended.

In her introduction Harthill provides pointers to her favourites, but she is, in fact, usually at her best in colour pieces or sudden illuminations, like poor St Cuthbert, after a night of prayer immersed in the North Sea, being warmed and dried by a pair of sensible otters. Or His Eminence the Roman Catholic Archbishop (whom God preserve) of Utrecht, Primate of Holland, putting on his bicycle clips. The careful balance of her "news" reporting can make one yearn for a little rage, though she must be commended for playing the ordination-of-women theme without hammering on the keys.

Synod, her favourite target for scorn, may wince; but the church is made more accessible for her insights. Because it warms up chilly halls, the members have come to favour television, which is, it appears, in Latin *imaginum transmissio per electricas undas*. Most bishops are "very nice men worn down by a treadmill of administration" – a good reason, she says, for the Kirk not to have them. In Belgium a Roman Catholic bishop is giving up priests: his congregations are better Christians when they are the church. Perhaps one of the most sobering reflections during a visit to Moscow, was "over 60 years of atheist propaganda has arguably had less effect in diminishing religious faith than 60 years of religious complacency at home".

Sometimes the simplicity, which adds to the appeal of the voice that talks to you personally in your own sitting-room, comes over in print like Beatrix Potter without the big words. But shining through the typographical eczema is the honesty of a believer who loves belief, battling to retain the clarity of the basic message. In her own words, "a reminder that homeliness and prayer, humour and reverence can exist very well together".

How about inviting Harthill to write the preface to next year's *Crockford's*?

Kay Evans

Words, but no music

PAPERBACKS

The Great British Songbook, by Kingsley Amis and James Cochrane (Faber, £4.95)

"Keep the Home Fires Burning": a distinguished composer enough, certainly, but then so were Haydn and Vaughan Williams, who don't get mentions for "Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken" or "Linden Lea". Authorship is attributed throughout (why, though, is A.B. Paterson of "Waltzing Matilda" consistently misspelt as Pateson?); but, presumably a publisher's rather than an editor's decision, the eye-catching and "Songbook" in the title raises expectations of tunes, but there are only words. The compilers would doubtless urge that this doesn't matter, because their aim is "providing words everybody has forgotten for the tunes everybody remembers"; but this is not precisely the case. Frequently one only remembers part of the tune, generally the chorus. If you think this is not important, just try humming the verse of "Waiting at the Church", or "Just a Song at Twilight", or "Land of Hope and Glory". Go on, try. See what I mean?

They claim, too, that only songs have been included, not poems which happen once to have been set to music; but there are some pretty dubious cases. Does anyone really think of a tune to "The Banks of Dee" or "Bredon Hill"?

Policy is not always consistent. Composers are not given, for instance, except Alfred Lee ("Champagne Charlie"), Frederick Norton (*Chu Chin Chow*) – and Ivor Novello for amusing cover appears, as so often, to have drawn itself.

There are brief introductions to sections, and a welcome explication of "Green Grow the Rushes". Play sources are given for Shakespeare and Gilbert (but not for Dekker). Amis and Cochrane clearly didn't want to camber their collection with too much apparatus; but it would have been helpful to indicate which variant they have chosen of multi-versional songs like "Greensleeves", "Barbara Allen", "Waly Waly".

This is nevertheless a useful and enjoyable collection, with good, full texts (except of "Sally in our Alley", where they have unaccountably left out the two best stanzas, plus the "she" from the last line of each which spoils the rhythm). In particular, the unusual context serves to remind us what wonderful poetry are such familiar pieces as "Fer a' That" and "Abide With Me".

Michael Grosvenor Myer

NEW PAPERBACKS

The Literary Editor's selection of interesting books published this week:

FICTION
Envoy on Excursion, by Caryl Brahms & S.J. Simon (Hogarth, £4.95) Irreverent and witty classic send-up of the FO, Whitehall, and international diplomacy by two cultivated nutters.
The Engine of Owl-Light, by Sebastian Barry (Paladin, £4.95) Six interrelated but separate strands of story from mysterious historical set in old Ireland, to skulduggery and drugrunnery in Florida, to our hero hitchhiking across the States.
The Lonely Passion of Judith Hearne, by Brian Moore (Paladin, £3.50) Brian Moore's first novel, released this month as a film: is Miss Hearne too late for love, or dare she hope?
The Madhouse, by Alexander Zinoviev, translated by Michael Kirkwood (Paladin, £5.95) Documentary extravaganza about being an outsider junior research fellow in the Soviet system.
The Second Rumpole Omnibus, by John Mortimer (Penguin, £5.50) More jolly cases with the Falstaff of the Old Bailey in his role as Defender of the Old Faith: "Never plead guilty."

NON-FICTION
A Study of History, by Arnold J. Toynbee, abridged by D.C. Somervell (Oxford, vols I-VI £7.95, vols VII-X £8.95) The vast analysis of the rise and fall of civilizations compressed to manageable size without losing the erudition or huge sweep.
Alexander Pope, by Maynard Mack (Yale, £12.95) Literary life of the rise from handicap and poverty to poetic megastar.
Final Edition, by E.F. Benson (Hogarth, £5.95) Memoirs by the urbane wit on his long, sardonic journey from Victorian boyhood, literary London, Capri, to Lord Mayor of Rye.
James Joyce, by Richard Ellmann (Oxford, £9.95) Exhaustive detail that Joyce himself would have admired on Joyce's literary, amatory, political, domestic life and interests.



The Clash: vital sound, though they failed to make the distance

Treasure in the ruins of punk

ROCK RECORDS

The Clash: The Story Of The Clash Volume 1 (CBS 460244)

If there is one group, apart from the Jam, that built something of lasting value out of the nihilistic cant that characterized the punk era, then it was the Clash. Even so, it is a surprise to discover just how explosively vital their music still sounds on *The Story Of The Clash Volume 1*, a 28-track, double-album compilation that incorporates nearly all the group's finest moments and will thus prove a severe headache to compilers of any implied subsequent volumes.

Musically, the Clash's calling card was a supreme sense of urgency conveyed by the clanging sound of guitar riffs pumped out in rapid, straight-arm jerks, and a vocal style of near-comic, breathless slobbishness. The exhilarating rush of those first adrenalin-powered months is recalled by a host of glottal battlecries, among them "London's Burning", "White Riot", "Career Opportunities", "Complete Control", "Janie Jones" and "Capital Radio".

But behind the Cro-Magnon leather boy look, there were shrewd ears and agile minds at work as the quartet took on board the emergent Jamaican/American techniques of rap and dub ("The Magnificent Seven", "This Is Radio Clash"), while retaining the longstanding passion for reggae which prompted "(White Man) In Hammersmith Palais". None of this eclipsed their ability to rock out with increasing sophistication yet undimmed passion on later gems like "Rock The Casbah" and their biggest UK hit, "London's Calling".

All of this was gilded by a carefully measured commitment to the anarcho-yob gesture politics of the time. For reasons which now seem hard to explain, it was always the group's policy not to appear on *Top Of The Pops*, although their dislike of the establishment stopped short of rejecting a lucrative recording contract with CBS.

Organized heroism like that is the stuff of legend, and with 1982's *Combat Rock* becoming a million-seller it is not fanciful to suggest that the Clash could have ended up as big as U2 or become punk's answer to the Rolling Stones.

As we know, they failed to make the distance.

David Sinclair

In a class of their own

JAZZ RECORDS

George Shearing Trio: Breakin' Out (Concord CJ-335)
Cecil Taylor Unit: Live in Bologna (Leo LR 404/405)
Mick Pyne Quartet: A Little Blue (Miles Music MM 073)

In what may be the finest jazz record he has made since emigrating from London to New York in the late 1940s, George Shearing surrounds himself with class. Three and a half decades separate their birthdates, but the bassist Ray Brown and the drummer Marvin Smith share an absolute commitment to quality which does much to ensure the success of Breakin' Out.

Four well-known Ellington compositions – "Just Squeeze Me", "Day Dream", "Don't Get Around Much Any More" and "Prelude to a Kiss" – provide a frame for 45 minutes of technically adroit but emotionally uncomplicated jazz. In the full-throttle bebop of Bud Powell's "Hallucinations" and the slow-rocking Harlem blues of Irving Berlin's "What'll I Do", Shearing proves that there is plenty of substance beneath the seemingly frothy lyricism. Smith's slick brush-work is a delight, while Brown's impeccable swing and note-choice remind us of the days when he was an automatic poll-winner.

You could not find a much greater contrast to genial Shearing than dear old Cecil Taylor, the avant-gardist who has remained resolutely in the cold for more than 30 years. Those present last November at the concert preserved on Live in Bologna would in all likelihood have been hypnotized by the sheer physical presence of his quintet's music; over an unbroken 90 minutes in the living room, though, the experience is rather less compelling.

Taylor's relentlessly scurrying fingers occasionally catch fire, but the chief value of the set is the discovery that, in the Panamanian alto saxophonist Carlos Ward, he has found a successor to Jimmy Lyons, his long-time alter ego, who died recently after many years of devotion to the cause.

Somewhere between Shearing and Taylor, in the ground occupied by Bill Evans and Herbie Hancock, comes the gifted English pianist Mick Pyne, best known for his work as a sideman with Tubby Hayes, Humphrey Lyttelton and Ronnie Scott. A Little Blue offers him a rare opportunity to engrave his own mature mainstream-modern music on vinyl, and – assisted by the tenor saxophonist Don Weller, the bassist Ron Matthewson and the drummer Mark Taylor – he makes the most of it.

Richard Williams

A talent worth the wait

CLASSICAL RECORDS

Schumann: Violin Sonatas. Zehetmair/Katsaris (Teldec CD 8.43749)
Schumann: Violin and Piano Concertos. Kulenkampff/Michelangeli (Teldec CD 8.43765).

Britain knows sadly little of the young Austrian violinist Thomas Zehetmair. His is a youthful, dewy talent, the type of mercurial playing which one remembers first as a quality of speech rather than of sound; and at the moment only Austria, Germany and the Scandinavian and Hungarian festival circuit are hearing it.

While we wait for his London solo debut, this recording gives a faithful representation of his refreshing artistry in music ideally suited to his performing character. The tones of voice, the complex of feelings which course through Schumann's violin sonatas are difficult to pin down. Zehetmair wisely makes no attempt to; the central movement of his Sonata No 1, for instance, with its filigree motif-work, is sustained by an animal nervousness, a volatile yet most finely differentiated pattern of finger-board activity.

In the second sonata, Zehetmair supports the broad span of its opening by his excitement in seeing the relationship of the parts to the whole, and goes on to reveal his ability to capture a sense of the half-spoken, the incomplete.

Schumann's own relationship with the violin has always slightly unsettled musicologists. Never, though, to quite the extent of Georg Schumann, who took it upon himself in 1937 to rewrite and transpose those passages of the Violin Concerto which were thought to be just too symptomatic of an unhealthy melancholy for the *Zeitgeist* of 1930s Germany.

We can, of course, hear both versions now and make our own preferences. But whatever the meddling, and however boxy this 1937 recording, what surfaces is the utter conviction, the determination, of Georg Kulenkampff to make every second of its virtuoso figuration dramatically cogent. With the propulsive conducting of Hans Schmidt-Isserstedt, the performance is given the orchestral weight and spaciousness it needs as ballast to the extreme volatility of the solo writing. It is twinned with Michelangeli's lucent 1942 performance of the Piano Concerto.

Hilary Finch

THE TIMES ARTS DIARY

Hidden master

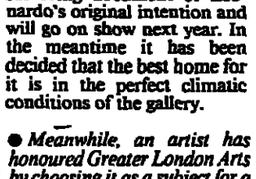
Visitors to the Royal Academy's exhibition of Old Masters from the Thyssen-Bornemisza Collection, presented by *The Times*, have doubtless found the paintings too stunning to notice what they are hanging on. However, there is a precious secret concealed behind a false wall in the Architectural Room, where a sequence of 17th-century Baroque paintings are displayed.

Hidden from view is the newly-restored copy of the Leonardo's famous *Last Supper* fresco. The 16th-century painting, owned by the Academy since 1821, was returned to London from Milan last month after being cleaned by the team working to restore the original. It is the best surviving document of Leonardo's original intention and will go on show next year. In the meantime it has been decided that the best home for it is in the perfect climatic conditions of the gallery.

● *Meanwhile, an artist has honoured Greater London Arts by choosing it as a subject for a painting. Diana Constance, who was preparing an exhibition of paintings about Aids for the People's Gallery in Kentish Town, was not amused when GLA decided to withdraw its entire £8,000 grant, partly out of concern that the Aids exhibition was "exploitative". Her painting depicts three bureaucrats, one blind, one wearing ear muffs and one whispering. The caption: George sees no evil; Larry hears no evil; Allen says no evil!".*

Blast from the past

Sir John Gielgud was almost halted in his tracks during a performance of *The Best of Friends*, in which he stars with Rosemary Harris and Ray McAnally, at the Apollo the other day. In the play Sir John plays Sir Sydney Cockerell and has to affect to read a 1938 copy of *The Times*. He had been gazing at it for some weeks when he suddenly noticed a review of his portrayal of Vershinin in *Three Sisters*,



Harris and Gielgud

at another theatre in Shaftesbury Avenue 50 years ago. Sir John tells me: "I was totally thrown. I almost forgot my lines. I wanted to carry on reading the review". If he had he would have seen that our anonymous critic gave it a rave and declared: "Mr Gielgud is persuasive and unmannered."

Back with Passion

The American singer Gregory Reinhart will at least have the feeling he has made progress when he takes the part of Christus in Bach's *St Matthew Passion* at the Barbican on Friday. Right at the start of his career in 1972 he sang the tiny part of Second High Priest in a production of the *Passion* in Boston. For the tenor Robert Tear, who sings Evangelist, there is at least the consolation that he is still top of the bill: he sang the same part at the same concert in Boston 16 years ago.

7.84 on the rails

Things are scarcely more tranquil in Scotland, where a row is brewing over plans by the Scottish Arts Council to axe a £135,000 grant to the left-wing theatre company 7:84 Scotland from next April. The *proposal, slipped into the* announcement of the Council's generally bullish funding plans for the next few years, must give John McGrath, the company's director, a sense of *déjà vu*. He was with 7:84 England, when it collapsed from the withdrawal of an Arts Council grant several years ago. Then, as now, there was talk of political bias – a charge which Professor Alan Peacock, chairman of the Scottish Council, called this week "evil nonsense". Still, it perhaps explains why Eric Robinson, veteran spokesman of the Scottish Arts Lobby, was not invited to the press conference.

Andrew Billen

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THE WEEK AHEAD



BOOKS

OZ ROOTS: Peter Carey's new novel, *Oscar and Lucinda*, explores the twin Australian passions, gambling and egalitarian irreverence. Oscar finances his career through Oriel into Holy Orders by a genius for gambling, and emigrates to Sydney. En voyage he meets Lucinda, Australian heiress with a passion for glass (and gambling), and their extraordinary adventure takes off. It is a big book, with a large cast; a funny, bizarre, love story with an unsatisfactory denouement. Published by Faber, price £10.95, on Monday.



JOHN MINNION

CONCERTS

MUTI'S MASS: Riccardo Muti conducts the London Philharmonic Chorus and Orchestra in the UK première of a Mass by Cherubini. It was written in 1819, intended for the coronation of Louis XVIII but for obvious reasons was not used. It lay undiscovered until 1867, and only now has it been published in a modern critical edition. Also on the programme is Beethoven's Piano Concerto No 1 with the distinguished Krystian Zimerman as soloist. Royal Festival Hall (01-928 3191, cc 01-928 8800), 7.30pm on Tuesday.



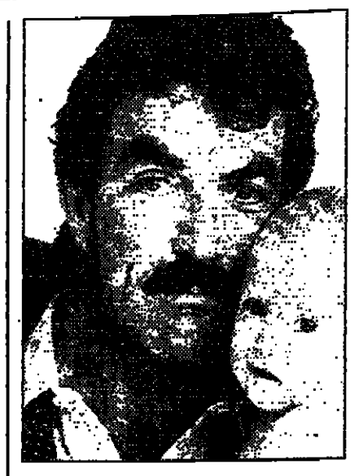
THEATRE

DUNN AGAIN: Georgina Hale, who was nominated for Best Comedy Performance in Nell Dunn's *Steaming*, is one the principals in the writer's first new play since that, *The Little Heroine*, which has its première this week. She plays the mother of Esther (Katharine Schlesinger), whose struggle against drug dependency gives the piece, said to contain strong language, its punning title. Michael Culver plays the father and Ian Watt Smith directs. Nuffield Theatre, Southampton (0703 671771). Opens Thursday.



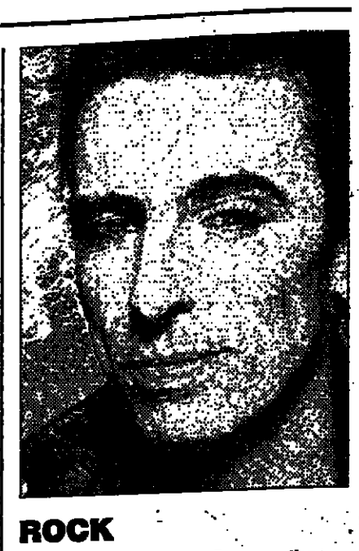
GALLERIES

LIVING STONE: Bernard Matemera's *Blind Head* is one of 60 figurative stone carvings from Zimbabwe featured in an exhibition which sets out to show that modern African sculpture is not a pale shadow of historic tribal art, but a continuation of tradition. As well as new, previously unexhibited, work some pieces are from British national and private collections — including six lent by zoologist David Attenborough. Sculpture Court, Barbican Centre, Silk Street, London EC2 (01-638 4141). From Friday.



CINEMA

MATERNAL MALES: Tom Selleck, usually seen in rugged pursuits, meets his greatest screen challenge in *Three Men and a Baby* (PG), a Hollywood remake of a runaway French hit. He plays one of three confirmed bacheiors faced with the problems of buying baby food, changing diapers, and wiping the little gurgler's "diddles". Selleck's companions are Steve Guttenberg and Ted Danson. Leonard Nimoy, making a nifty jump from Mr Spock to Dr Spock, directs. Warner West End (01-439 0791), from Friday.



ROCK

MR MACABRE: Alice Cooper, the man who so inspired Salvador Dali that he made a cream-cake sculpture of the singer's brain, starts a tour of Britain which will premiere a spanking new catalogue of malign pantomime routines. Whether the show incorporates the notorious guillotine climax or not, Cooper is bound to satisfy a new generation of rock fans that has been weaned on macabre fantasy as part and parcel of heavy metal rock. Alice Cooper plays at Edinburgh Playhouse (031 557 2590) on Friday and Saturday, April 2.

THEATRE

LONDON

DANGER: MEMORY!: Arthur Miller double bill, *I Can't Remember Anything* and *Clara*, receiving British première, directed by Jack Gold, with John Bennett, Betsy Blair, Paul Rogers, Stephen Hoye and Sarah Keller. Hampstead Theatre (01-722 8301). Previews from Fri. Opens Apr 6.

EXIT ENTRANCE: Aidan Mathews's play, direct from success in Dublin, is about a couple at two different stages of their life together. Ben Barnes directs Ingrid Craigie, Malcolm Douglas, Denys Hawthorne and Joan O'Hara. Donmar Warehouse (01-240 8230). Preview Mon. Opens Tues.

FAUST: Simon Callow, directed by David Freeman in a new translation of Goethe's masterpiece, by Robert David MacDonald. In two parts. Lyric, Hammersmith (01-741 2311). Part One previews from Wed. Opens Apr 6.

THE FIFTEEN STREETS: Dramatization of a Catherine Cookson novel, set on Tyneside docks in 1910. Adapted by Rob Bettinson. Wimbledon Theatre (01-540 0362). Opens Tues.

KING'S RHAPSODY: Michael Pertwee's adaptation of Ivor Novello's musical, with David McAlister, Leigh Samuels, Rosamund Shelley and Diana Fairfax, directed by Kim Grant. Churchill Theatre, Bromley (01-460 6677). Opens Thurs.

ROBESON — SONG OF FREEDOM: London début of Andy Rashleigh's play, in Oxford Stage Company production. Leon Herbert and Vicky Licorish. 12 songs. Young Vic (01-928 6363). Preview Mon. Opens Tues.

TWELFTH NIGHT: Transfer from Stratford, directed by Bill Alexander, with Harriet Walter, Donald Sumpter, Roger Allam, John Carlisle. Barbican (01-638 8891). Previews from Thurs. Opens Apr 8.

OUT OF TOWN

BOLTON: Waving: Monstrous Regiment present a new earthy comedy by Carol Bunyan. Octagon (0204 20661). Opens Tues.

CARDIFF: Doomsday — The Miracle Plays '88: Tony Harrison's version of the Wakefield Mystery Plays, with a cast of more than 100. St David's Hall (0222 371236). From Thurs to Apr 2.

DERBY: The Dark at the Top of the Stairs: William Inge family drama, directed by Annie Castledine. *Playhouse* (0332 363275). Opens Thurs.

STRATFORD-UPON-AVON: The Constant Couple: George Farquhar comedy opens the new season, in a production by Roger Michell. Swan Theatre (0789 295623). Previews from Wed. Opens Apr 5.

WATFORD: Winter in the Morning: World première of commissioned Jacqui Shapiro play with music with Susannah Harker and Nick Wilton. Palace (0923 35455). Previews from Thurs. Opens Apr 5.

CONCERTS

FLOR FLOURISHES: The LSO is conducted by Claus Peter Flor in Beethoven's Egmont Overture and Symphony No 7 while Israel Margalit solos in Mozart's Piano Concerto K 491. Barbican Centre, Silk Street, London EC2 (01-628 8795, cc 01-638 8891). Tomorrow, 7.30pm.

ALKAN CENTENARY: Marking the exact 100th anniversary of the death of Alkan, the extraordinary French composer and pianist, Ronald Smith, piano, James Clark, violin, and Moray Welsh, cello, perform his three major chamber works, the Grand *Duo, Cello Sonata and Trio.* Wigmore Hall, 36 Wigmore Street, London W1 (01-935 2141). Tues, 7.30pm.

SEAMAN'S SHOW: The RPO is conducted by Christopher Seaman in Dvorák's Carnival Overture, Rimsky-Korsakov's Scheherazade, and in Grieg's Piano Concerto the soloist is Abdel Rahman el Bacha. Barbican Centre. Tues, 7.45pm.

FROM NOVSIBIRSK: The USSR Philharmonic Orchestra of Novisibirsk is heard in an all-Tchaikovsky programme with the Symphony No 6, movements from the Serenade Op 48 and the Violin Concerto in which the soloist is Igor Oistrakh. Arnold Katz conducts. Royal Festival Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 3191, cc 01-928 8800). Wed, 7.30pm.

JUDD/PHILHARMONIA: James Judd conducts the Philharmonia Orchestra in Mozart's Nozze di Figaro Overture, Symphony No 40, Schubert's Symphony No 8 "Unfinished", and in Beethoven's Piano Concerto No 5 "Emperor" the soloist is Jean-Louis Steurmann. Barbican Centre. Wed, 7.45pm.

GROVES/RPO: Paul Tortelier is the soloist in Dvorák's Cello concerto with the RPO under Sir Charles Groves. Later comes Holst's The Planets. Royal Festival Hall. Thurs, 7.30pm.

OPERA

ROYAL OPERA HOUSE: Last performance of *Tosca* with Grace Bumbry and Giuseppe Giacomini on Wednesday; and *Un Ballo in Maschera* draws near the end of its run on Monday and Thursday, now with Piero Cappuccilli and Anna Tomowa-Sintow. All start at 7.30pm. Covent Garden, London WC2 (01-240 1066).

ENGLISH NATIONAL OPERA: Last chance, not to be missed, to see the outstanding *Billy Budd* on Tuesday at 7.30pm. Ian Judge's colourful revival of *Cav and Pag* continues tonight and Thursday at 7.30pm. Coliseum, St Martin's Lane, London WC2 (01-836 3161).

WELSH NATIONAL OPERA: New production of Strauss's *Salome* by young French director André Engel features Stephanie Sundine in the title role, with Robert Tear, Della Jones and Phillip Joll. Sir Charles Mackerras conducts. Grand Theatre, Swansea (0792 475715). Tues 8pm.

OPERA NORTH: Welcome revival of Graham Vick's production of Janacek's *Katya Kabanova* with Eiddwen Harrhy, Louise Winter and Edmund Barham. Grand Theatre, Leeds (0532 459351). Tonight 7.30pm.

GALLERIES

THE BRITISH SOCIETY OF PAINTERS: A week-long festival of more than 1,000 paintings featuring works by popular artists like David Shepherd and Terence Cuneo. King's Hall and Winter Gardens, Ilkley (0943 609075). From today.

THE EXPERIENCE OF LANDSCAPE: Fine British landscape painting and photography, from Duncan Grant to Paul Nash and John Lassore, from the Art Council's collection. Cooper Gallery, Barnsley (0226 242905). From today.

EDOUARD MANET (1832-1883): A collection of etchings, some of which were designed to popularize the polemical French painter's work. Bolton Museum and Art Gallery (0204 22311). From today.

DAVID MACH: New works by the controversial Scottish sculptor whose massive Polaris submarine made of old tyres was set on fire in 1983. Tate Gallery, London SW1 (01-821 1313). From Mon.

THE SELF-PORTRAIT: A work each by 60 contemporary artists, from Anthony Caro to Amanda Faulkner. Collins Gallery, University of Strathclyde, Glasgow (041 552 4400). From Wed.

WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 24

FURPHY
(b) A latrine rumour; Australian slang from World War I, referring to the Furphy Brothers who built field latrines for the Australian troops.

KHUTPUT
(a) Western Indian slang for court intrigue and corruption, from the Hindi and Marathi *khatpat* wrangling or worry.

RALPH
(a) American teenage slang for failing to stifle a Technicolor yawn, probably echoic.

HALOTIC
(c) Easily catchable, from the Greek *hairen*, root *hals*, I catch, hence *halasis*.

RADIO



● **Sue Lawley (above) takes over as the new presenter of *Desert Island Discs* and promises a style of interviewing somewhere between that of the show's inventor, Roy Plomley, and the more trenchant Michael Parkinson. Her first castaway is the veteran politician Lord Hailsham of St Marylebone; visiting the desert island in future programmes are Arthur Scargill, Mary Archer and Neil Kinnock. Radio 4, tomorrow, 12.15-12.55pm.**

SUCH IS LIFE: Six-part series of reminiscences by the great radio comedian Al Read, recorded shortly before his death last September. Radio 2, Wed, 10.15-10.30pm.

A LONG WAVE GOODBYE: Margaret Howard, Gordon Clough and Jenni Murray play themselves in Lalage Hitchcock's comedy about a wife obsessed with the radio. Radio 4, Thurs, 3-4pm.

TELEVISION

RUSSELL HARTY'S GRAND TOUR: In which our hero takes a television journey through Europe, meeting Barbara Castle, the Pope, and Franco Zeffirelli. BBC2, Tues, 8-9pm.

Q.E.D. Can sports psychologist John Syer improve the performance of Queen Park Rangers football club? BBC1, Wed, 9.30-10pm.

RASPBERRY RIPPLE: Faye Dunaway plays two roles in Rupert Haselden's play about fact and fantasy in a home for the disabled. BBC1, Fri, 9.15-10.40pm.

WALKS

CITY OF YORK: meet today, Exhibition Square, 10.15am, free (also tomorrow).

HAUNTED LONDON: meet today, Monument tube, 2pm, £3.

HIDDEN CURIOS AND COURTYARDS OF OLD LONDON: meet today, St Paul's tube, 11am, £2.50 (also April 2).

VILLAGE LONDON — HAMPSTEAD: meet tomorrow, Hampstead tube, 11.15am, £3.

LONDON AFTER THE GREAT FIRE: meet tomorrow, Museum of London, 2.30pm, £3.

DANCE

ROYAL BALLET: David Bintley's new *Penguin Café* is on the bill at Manchester today (matinée and evening) with Ashton's *Sinfonic Variations* and Robbins's *The Concert*, then at Covent Garden on Tuesday with Balanchine's *Serenade* and *Bugaku*. Palace Theatre, Manchester (061 236 9922), Royal Ballet, Covent Garden (01-240 1066).

LONDON CITY BALLET: The company's week in London ends today with matinée and evening performances of *La Sylphide* and *Three Dances to Japanese Music*. Sadler's Wells Theatre (01-278 8916).

ROSEMARY BUTCHER: *Touch The Earth* with music by Michael Nyman. Birmingham Museum (021 235 2834). Today 7.30pm.

NORTHERN BALLET: The Lowry Ballet *A Simple Man* with the Stravinsky *Suite Italienne* and Michael Pink's *Memoir Imaginaire*. Theatre Royal, Bath (0225 65065). Today.

FILMS

NUTCRACKER — THE MOTION PICTURE (U): Tchaikovsky's score danced by Pacific Northwest Ballet, imaginatively filmed by Carroll Ballard with designs by *Maurice Sendak*. ICA Cinema (01-930 3647), from Fri.

PETER BROOK SEASON: The cinema output of theatre's great luminary is surveyed throughout April; includes *Lord of the Flies* and *Marat/Sade*. National Film Theatre (01-928 3232), from Fri.

JAZZ

JOE HENDERSON/ANDREW HILL QUARTET: Mouth-watering combination of two of the finest exponents of modern tenor and piano. Bass Clef, London N1 (01-729 2476) Mon-Tues.

DOC CHEATHAM: A powerful if under-rated trumpeter. Pizza Express, London W1 (01-439 8771) Wed-Thurs.

THE IAINS: Quirky quartet led by Loose Tubes saxophonist Iain Ballamy and keyboard player Django Bates. Four Bars Inn, Cardiff (0222 374962) Tues.

GEORGIE FAME: After recent Gershwin and Hoagy Carmichael projects, the singer takes up a week's residency. Ronnie Scott's Club, London W1 (01-439 0747) Mon-Sat.

ROCK

ASWAD: After 13 years on the circuit, they've reached No.1 with their first hit single. Tonight, Royal Court, Liverpool (051 709 4321); Mon, Rock City, Nottingham (0602 412544); Tues, Hummingbird, Birmingham (021 236 4236); Wed, Leas Cliff Hall, Folkestone (0303 54695); Thurs, Centre, Slough (0753 21256); and Fri, Astoria, London (01-430 0403).

KEVIN AYERS: Erratic English eccentric appearing with Ollie Halsall and a band of Spanish musicians in support of his new album, *Falling Up*. Tomorrow, Bierkeller, Bristol (0272 268514); and Mon, Queen Elizabeth Hall, London SE1 (01-928 8800).

PETER MURPHY: Unspeakably pseud ex-Bauhaus clothes horse. Tomorrow, Sadler's Wells, London EC1 (01-278 8916).

FILMS ON TV



● **The team of writer Graham Greene and director Carol Reed which created *The Third Man* was previously responsible for a less celebrated but arguably more perfect film, *The Fallen Idol* (1948). Ralph Richardson (above) plays the butler at a London embassy, suspected of murdering his shrewish wife; Bobby Henrey is the young friend whose attempts to protect his idol nearly land him in disaster. BBC2, Tuesday, 9-10.35pm.**

THE SORROW AND THE PITY (1970): First part of Marcel Ophuls's powerful documentary about the France under the German Occupation. BBC2, Fri, 7.15-9.15pm.

THE DRESSER (1983): First TV showing for Ronald Harwood's story of a flamboyant actor-manager (Albert Finney) taking *King Lear* round wartime Britain. BBC2, Fri, 10.40pm-12.35am.

PHOTOGRAPHY

ROBERT MAPPLETHORPE: Two exhibitions by the controversial American whose cool classical images of black male nudes have offended many people. More accessible are his pictures of flowers and his portraits of the famous. Hamiltons Gallery, 13 Carlos Place, London W1 (01-499 9493). From today.
NATIONAL PORTRAIT GALLERY, 2 St Martin's Place, London WC2 (01-930 1552). From today.

NORMAN PARKINSON: The British photographer celebrates his 75th birthday this year with a glittering display of royal portraits. Royal Albert Hall, Kensington Gore, London SW7 (01-589 8212). Open 2pm daily.

BOOKINGS

FIRST CHANCE

OPERA NORTH: Booking for *Tosca, Carmen, Katya Kabanova* and new production of *Fidelio*. June 1-11. Theatre Royal, Nottingham (0602 482626).

ANGLO-SOVIET SWAN LAKE: First Anglo-Soviet cultural joint production presenting Moscow Classical Ballet and stars of the Bolshoi, in *Swan Lake*. Glasgow Theatre Royal (July 9), Bristol Hippodrome (July 25), Southampton Mayflower (Aug 1), London (Aug 8-20), and Birmingham Hippodrome (Aug 22). Details (01-720 7678).

LAST CHANCE

RUBINSTEIN AND SPAIN: Photos, concert programmes and other memorabilia, plus testimonies of friendships with Falla, Picasso, and others; documenting nearly 70 years of travel in Spain by concert pianist. Ends tomorrow. Barbican, Silk Street, London EC2 (01-638 4141).

COWKEEPERS AND DIARIES IN EAST LONDON: Travelling exhibition of photos and memories by Stepney Regardant Historical Society, Stepping Stones Farm, and Adam Stout. Ends today. Central Library, 2 Fieldway Crescent, London N5 (01-609 3051 ext 242).

Theatre: Tony Patrick; **Films:** Geoff Brown; **Concerts:** Max Harrison; **Opera:** Hilary Finch; **Rock:** David Sinclair; **Jazz:** Clive Davis; **Dance:** John Percival; **Galleries:** David Lee; **Walks:** Greta Carslaw; **Photography:** Mike Young; **Television, Radio and Films on TV:** Peter Waymark; **Bookings:** Anne Whitehouse.

Making Mozart magic

ALAN WELLER



Ridiculous to sublime: director Nicholas Hytner, centre, with Lesley Garrett (Papagena) and John Rawnsley (Papageno)

A new *Magic Flute* is always one of the most eagerly and apprehensively awaited events in the operatic calendar. Even those who bewail so-called "directors' opera" and criticize critics' collusion in it, are compelled to sympathize with the plight of a producer who has no option but to make clear, personal decisions about that wretched dragon, that troublesome Queen of the Night, to say nothing of the gods of Ancient Egypt, the Free Masonic brotherhood, and Monostatos's embarrassing little band of blacks.

Ruskin thought that, in his *Magic Flute*, Mozart had prostituted his art by writing sublime music for the "foolishest and most monstrous of conceivable human words and subjects of thought". We might sneer, but any director, indeed any audience member, who is so distracted by the opera's visual curiosities and verbal mottos, that he or she blocks the ears to what is there to be apprehended through the music alone, is guilty of similarly blinkered thinking.

Mozart once wrote, in a letter to his father, that "in an opera, poetry simply has to be the obedient daughter of music". Precisely because of its obedience in the *Flute*, those who have ears to hear can learn far more of what goes on in Sarastro's temple than the words of his arias tell us, and can feel a complexity of emotions far beyond the simple cutlets of Pamina's and Papageno's duet.

Nicholas Hytner, whose first professional *Flute* opens at English National Opera on Wednesday, realizes all too well the necessity for a director to concentrate entirely on the music. "It's listening rather than reading which has given me the answers as to who exactly Sarastro's lot are, and how they can be brought to life now. In an age of total uncertainty, one can't present Sarastro as having all the answers. And if you really *listen*, you realize that Sarastro is going through the learning process as much as anyone else."

Hytner finds a poise in the work, which reminds him of *As You Like It*. "It has the utmost faith in the possibility of the development of romantic love — and yet there's a Touchstone. The *Flute* is confident enough of itself to include within it the seed of its own sending-up: Papageno's words must be true when he says them, even if they are refuted by what follows."

Viennese-trained Ivan Fischer, who will conduct, has long experience of the *Flute* and Hytner admires his total faith in what could be dismissed by the English as sentimentality. "Many productions go a long way to avoid simple heart-felt faith: there is a tendency in opera not to accept that simplicity and humour can be serious." We wait for Hytner and Fischer together to show us just how they can.

Hilary Finch

The Magic Flute opens on Wednesday in a new English translation by Jeremy Sams, with Helen Field as Pamina, John Rawnsley as Papageno, Gwynne Howell as Sarastro and Lesley Garrett as Papagena. Coliseum, St Martin's Lane, London WC2 (tel 01-836 3161) 7-10pm, £2-£21.50.

REGIONAL TELEVISION VARIATIONS

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SATURDAY

BBC1 WALES: 5.15pm-5.20 Sports News Wales SCOTLAND: 5.15pm-5.20 Scottish news and sport 9.50-11.30 World Championship Sportscene NORTHERN IRELAND: 4.55pm-5.05 Northern Ireland sports results 5.15 Inside Ulster Newsline 5.20-5.45 Video Picture Show 9.50 Singing for Your Supper 10.40 Film: Found Money 12.10am-12.15 News and weather ENGLAND: 5.15pm-5.20 London: Sport; Plymouth: Spotlight Sport and news; all other English regions: Regional news and sport

ANGLIA As London except: 12.00noon America's Top 10 12.30pm-1.00 Easy Street 5.05 News 5.20-5.35 Walt Disney Presents 5.05-9.45 Film: Sky Riders 10.50-1.00am Film: Bear Island.

BORDER As London except: 12.00-1.00pm The Man from UNCLE 10.50 Film: House of Long Shadows 12.30am Closedown.

CENTRAL As London except: 11.00am Film: Magnificent Magical Magnet of Santa Mesa 12.40pm-1.00 Central Sportsworld 11.40 Film: In Like Flint 2.45am Film: Capetown Affair 4.35-5.00 Jobfinder.

CHANNEL As London except: 11.00am Roxy 11.30-12.00 Knight Rider 10.50-1.00am Best Little Whorehouse in Texas 5.00 Company, close

GRAMPIAN As London except: 12.00-1.00pm Greatest American Hero 5.35-6.05 Blockbusters 10.50 Meltdown 11.50 Alfred Hitchcock Presents 12.20 close

GRANADA As London except: 11.30am New Fantastic Four 11.55 Cartoon 12.05pm-1.00 The Man From UNCLE 10.50 Hunter 11.40 Film: In Like Flint 2.45am Film: Capetown Affair 4.40-5.00 Meltdown.

HTV WEST As London except: 12.00noon Small Wonder 12.30pm-1.00 America's Top 10 10.50 Film: Close Encounters of the Third Kind 1.20am World Dance Championships 2.20 Closedown.

SCOTTISH As London except: 11.00am Roxy 11.30 America's Top 10 12.00 Small Wonder 12.30am-1.00 Terrahawks 10.50 Late Call 10.05 Suzanne Vega 11.40 Film: In Like Flint 1.45am Film: Capetown Affair 4.40-5.00 Jobfinder.

TSW As London except: 11.00am Roxy 11.30-12.00 Knight Rider 10.50-1.00am Film: Best Little Whorehouse in Texas 5.00am Company.

TVS As London except: 11.00am Roxy 11.30-12.00 Knight Rider 10.50-1.00am Film: Best Little Whorehouse in Texas 5.00am Company.

TYNE TEES As London except: 11.00am Roxy 11.30-1.00pm Blondie Goes to College 10.50 Film: The Beguiled 12.50am Poetry of the People 12.55-5.00 Jobfinder.

ULSTER As London except: 11.00am Roxy 11.30-1.00pm Film: Miranda 11.35 Magnum 12.25am Newstime, close

YORKSHIRE As London except: 11.00am Roxy 11.30 Mr Merlin 12.00-1.00pm Man From UNCLE 10.50 Film: House of the Long Shadows 12.30am Twins of Evil 2.05 Jobfinder 3.05 Close

S4C Starts: 10.00am Dispatches 10.45 What the Papers Say 11.00 Blind Faith 11.30 Figure Skating 12.30pm Memories of China 1.30 Film: One Hour With You 3.00 Racing 5.00 Different Frontier 6.00 Right to Reply 6.30 Gallery 7.00 Pottery Ladies 7.30 Newyddion 7.50 Stumiau 8.20 Elinor 9.05 Y Maes Chwarae 10.20 Kate and Allie 10.50 Media Show 11.50 Film: Music Machine 1.30am Barney Miller 2.00 Chase 2.30 Closedown.

RTE 1 Starts: 9.00am Pajo's Junkbox 10.30 Action Station Saturday 12.50pm News 12.52 Sports Stadium 6.00 The Angelus 6.01 News 6.15 Mailbag 6.35 Down Here...With a View to Above 7.05 Highway to Heaven 8.00 MacGyver 9.00 News 9.15 Dallas 10.10 Saturday 'Live' 11.25 News 11.30 Film: Smokey and the Bandit 1.10am Closedown.

RTE 2 Starts: 4.50pm Flash Gordon Conquers the Universe 5.15 Wonderstruck 5.45 Houndcats and the Bardpys 6.35 Explore 7.00 Snooker 7.30 Family Ties 8.00 Nuacht 8.05 Paul Simon: Graceland — The African Concert 9.10 Time and the Wind 10.05 Brass 10.35 Snooker 11.35 World of the Fairies 12.00am Close

SUNDAY

BBC1 WALES: 12.10am-12.15 News and weather SCOTLAND: 12.25pm-12.56 Landward 1.05 Convention Report: the Scottish Social and Liberal Democrats 1.30-2.00 Wildlife on One 10.30-11.05 High Spirits 12.10am-12.15 News and weather NORTHERN IRELAND: 1.05pm-2.00 Professional Boxing (Bassa v McAuley) 5.25-5.50 A Taste of Ireland 12.10am-12.15 News and weather

ANGLIA As London except: 9.25am-9.35 Speedy and Sylvester 1.00pm Link 1.15 Bioscope Bygones 1.20 News 1.30-2.00 Farming Diary

BORDER As London except: 9.25am-9.35 Speedy and Sylvester 1.00pm Farming Outlook 1.30 News 1.35 Cartoon 1.45-2.0 Link 11.30 Scrumdown 12.25am Closedown.

CENTRAL As London except: 9.25am-9.35 Speedy and Sylvester 1.00pm News 1.05 Central Post 1.15 Link 1.30-2.00 Here and Now 5.00 Mr Merlin 5.30-6.30 Highway to Heaven 11.30 Prisoner Cell Block H 12.30am Donahue 1.30 Film: Spectre 3.15 On the Live Side 3.45 9 to 5 4.10-5.00 Jobfinder.

CHANNEL As London except: 9.25am-9.35 Starting Point 1.00pm Link 1.15 Les Français Chez-Vous 1.30-2.00 Farm Focus 2.30am Company, close

GRANADA As London except: 9.35am-9.35 Speedy and Sylvester 1.00pm Members Only 1.05 This is Your Right 1.35 Asp Kaa Hak 1.40-2.00 Link 5.00-6.00 Highway to Heaven 11.30 Prisoner Cell Block H 12.30am Donahue 1.30 Film: Spectre 3.15 WKRP in Cincinnati 3.45 Chart Attack 4.45-5.00 Jobfinder.

HTV WEST As London except: 9.25am-9.35 Speedy and Sylvester 1.00pm News 1.05 West Country Farming 1.35 Cartoon 1.45-2.00 Link 5.00-6.00 Highway to Heaven 11.30 America's Top Ten 12.00 Worlds Beyond 12.30 Close

HTV WALES As HTV West except: 1.05pm-1.35 Schools Prom Wales.

TSW As London except: 9.25am-9.35 Look and See 1.00pm Farming News 1.30 Postscript Diary 1.40-2.00 Link 11.30 Kojak 12.25am Sunday Review, Close

TVS As London except: 9.25am-9.35 Speedy and Daffy 1.00pm News 1.05 Link 1.20 Action! 1.30-2.00 Farm Focus 2.30am Company, close

TYNE TEES As London except: 9.25am-9.35 Hello Sunday 1.00pm Farming Outlook 1.30 News 1.35 Cartoon 1.40-2.00 Link 5.00 Duck Factory 5.30-6.00 Northern Life 11.30 9 to 5 12.00 Northern Opera Sing 12.05am-6.00 Jobfinder.

ULSTER As London except: 9.25am-9.35 Speedy and Sylvester 1.00pm Ask Anne 1.15 Link 1.30-2.00 Farming Ulster 11.30 A Place of Safety 12.25am Sports Results 12.30 Newstime, close

YORKSHIRE As London except: 9.25am-9.25 Speedy and Sylvester 1.00pm Cartoon 1.10 Link 1.25-2.00 Farming Diary 11.30 Scrumdown 12.25am Five Minutes 12.30 Jobfinder 1.30 Closedown.

S4C Starts: 9.00am Heloc 10.00 World This Week 11.00 7 Days 11.30 Waltons 12.30pm How Does Your Garden Grow? 1.00 Silas Marner 1.35 Dilyn Iesu 2.00 Jesus of Nazareth 4.00 Made in Hong Kong 5.00 A Matter of Life and Debt 6.00 Equinox 7.05 Newyddion Newydd 7.15 Wil Cwac Cwac 7.20 Newyddion 7.30 Cadwyn Cerdd 8.00 Pobol Y Cwm 8.30 Dechrau Canu Dechrau Canmol 9.00 Hel Straeon 9.30 Gwyl Ffilm A Theledu Caerdydd 1988 10.30 Nid Oes Neb Wedi Gweld Duw Erioed 10.35 Film: Joe Macbeth* 12.15am Closedown.

RTE 1 Starts: 11.15am Service 1.05 Ludwig Van Beethoven 1.30 Gaitar and the Golden Lance 1.45 Room Outside 2.15 Brookside 2.45 In Search Of... 3.10 Film: Anoop and the Elephant 4.10 Film: The First Legion 5.50 A Message for Passover 6.00 The Angelus 6.01 News 6.15 The Cosby Show 6.45 Ins 88 7.10 Tales of the Unexpected 7.40 Where in the World 8.30 Glenroe 9.00 News 9.20 Sunday Night at the Olympia 10.40 Questions and Answers 11.35 News 11.40 Close

RTE 2 Starts: 2.00pm Snooker 4.35 Meadow Musicians 5.05 Pajo's Junkbox 6.00 Hart to Hart 7.00 Newsweek 7.30 Marketplace 8.00 Nuacht 8.05 Film: Lord of the Flies 9.50 Snooker 11.30 Close

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SATURDAY TELEVISION AND RADIO SUNDAY

Compiled by Peter Dear and Peter Davalle

● It is an axiom of the cinema that re-makes are never as good as the originals, though when the second bite is taken by a director as idionsyncratic as Luis Buñuel the result is likely to be interesting to say the least. In 1964, Buñuel adapted Octave Mireau's novel, *The Diary of a Chambermaid*, previously filmed in 1945, during his sojourn in Hollywood, by Jean Renoir. Predictably, the Buñuel version, though drawing on the same basic plot, was completely different in mood and emphasis. There is a chance to compare the two in **The Film Club** (BBC2, 9.55pm-1.10am). Updating the story from the 19th century to the 1920s, Buñuel cast Jeanne Moreau as the maid who goes to work for a bourgeois family and uncovers a typical Buñuel world of the bizarre and surreal. The Renoir version, which keeps to the original period, is one of the director's darker films, though given a superficial gaiety by the extrovert performance of Paulette Goddard. Though not quite vintage Renoir or vintage Buñuel, the films offer a fascinating insight into two of the cinema's greatest artists.

Peter Waymark

CHOICE



Jeanne Moreau and George Géret in Luis Buñuel's The Diary of a Chambermaid, BBC2, 9.55pm



Salman Rushdie: his anatomy of India, The Riddle of Midnight, is screened on Channel 4, 8.45pm

CHOICE

● In **The Riddle of Midnight** (Channel 4, 8.45pm) the writer Salman Rushdie returns in documentary form to the theme of his prize-winning novel, *Midnight's Children*, and attempts an anatomy of India after 40 years of independence. The method of his inquiry is simple, encapsulating the hopes, fears, achievements and prejudices of 800 million Indians in a small number of contrasting examples. Rushdie picks out a yuppie and a Bombay pavement dweller, a militant Hindu fundamentalist and a Communist peasant, a tailor and cloth seller who live virtually identical lives except that they are victims of the religious divide. But the questions he poses are far from simple, touching on the degree to which a vast country of conflicting cultures and warring faiths can be called a nation at all. Rushdie's journey of inquiry is long and sometimes diffuse but always informed by the novelist's insight. He does not pretend to supply easy answers but he does produce an illuminating, and ultimately rather pessimistic portrait of the land which, in Nehru's words, awoke to life and freedom at the stroke of the midnight hour on August 15 1947.

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BBC1

6.45 Open University.
8.25 Saturday Starts Here with Corners (r). **8.40 Roland's Rat Race 9.00 Kissyfur.**
9.30 Going Live! includes guests Mike Gatting and Billy Connolly **12.12 Weather.**
12.15 Grandstand introduced by Desmond Lynam. The line-up is (subject to alteration): **12.20 Football Focus; 12.45 Boxing** from York Hall; **1.05 News; 1.10, 3.05** and **4.00 Rugby League:** a preview and coverage of Halifax v Hull; **1.20 Athletics:** the World Cross Country Championships from Auckland; **1.40, 2.10** and **2.45 Racing** from **Newbury; 1.55** and **2.25 Ice Hockey:** Murrayfield v Dundee; **3.50 Football** latest; **4.40** Final score.
5.05 News and weather. **5.15** Regional news/ weather
5.20 First Class. Inter-school competition. Armthorpe, South Yorkshire, meet Montagu from Kettering.
5.45 Jim'll Fix It. Among those for whom Jimmy Savile fixed it is a mother whose river trip to Greenwich turned into a Mediterranean cruise. (Ceefax)
6.20 Film: And Then There Were None (1974) starring Oliver Reed and Richard Attenborough. Thriller, based on Agatha Christie's *Ten Little Indians*. Directed by Peter Collinson. (Ceefax)
7.55 Bob Says Opportunity Knocks. Talent show
8.45 News, sport and weather.
9.00 Cagney and Lacey. The two women police officers find themselves back at their old police academy. (Ceefax)
9.50 World Championship Sports Special featuring the WBA world flyweight championship bout between the holder Fidel Bassa and Dave McAuley in Belfast; and ladies' world figure skating action from Budapest.
11.30 Film: Found Money (1983) starring Dick Van Dyke. A made-for-television story of a retired-early bank clerk who decides to use his inside knowledge to syphon-out dormant accounts to give the money to the needy. Directed by Bill Persky.
1.00am Weather.

Radio 1

MW (medium wave). Stereo on FM (see below).
News on the half-hour until **12.30pm**, then at **2.00, 3.30, 5.30, 7.30, 9.30** and **12.00** midnight
6.00am Nicky Campbell **8.00** Adrian John **10.00** Mike Read **1.00pm** Adrian Juste **2.00** The Stereo Sequence. Includes **2.00-3.00** The AB of CD **4.00-5.00** American Chart show **6.30-7.30** In Concert (featuring The Communards) **7.30** Robbie Vincent **10.00-12.00** Mark Goodier. **FM** Stereo Radios 1 and 2:- **4.00am** As Radio 2 **1.00pm** As Radio 1 **7.30** As Radio 2 **10.00** Martin Kelner **12.05-4.00am** As Radio 2.

Radio 2

MW (medium wave). Stereo on FM (see Radio 1)
News on the hour until **1.00pm**, then at **3.00, 6.00, 7.00** and hourly from **10.00**
4.00am Dave Bussey **6.00** Graham Knight **8.05** David Jacobs **9.00** Sounds of the 60s **10.00** Anne Robinson **12.00** Gerald Harper **1.00pm** The News Huddlines **1.30** Sport on 2. Includes Rugby League (Halifax v Hull) and Racing from Doncaster **5.00** Sports Report **6.00** Tunes the Backers Whistled **6.30** The Seven Ages (Sir Brian Rix) **7.00** Pop Score **7.30** A Night At the Opera or The Carmen Touch **8.30** String Sound **10.00** Big Fight Special (Fidel Bassa v Dave McAuley) **11.00** Martin Kelner (joining FM) **12.05am** Dave Gelly **1.00** Bill Rennells **3.00-4.00** A Little Night Music.

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6.00am Newsdesk **6.30** Londres Matin **7.00** News **7.09** Twenty-Four Hours **7.30** From the Weeklies **7.45** Network UK **8.00** News **8.09** Reflections **8.15** Jolly Good Show **9.00** News **9.09** Review of British Press **9.15** World Today **9.30** Financial News and Sports Roundup **9.45** Personal View **10.00** News **10.01** Here's Humph! **10.15** Letter From America **10.30** People and Politics **11.00** News **11.09** News About Britain **11.15** Chain Reaction **11.30** Londres Midi **12.00** Radio Newsreel **12.15** Multitrack 3 **12.45** Sports Roundup **1.00** News **1.09** Twenty-Four Hours **1.30** Network UK **1.45** Good Books **2.00** News **2.01** Album Time **2.30** Sportsworld **3.00** Radio Newsreel **3.15** Sportsworld **4.00** News **4.09** Commentary **4.15** Sportsworld **5.00** News **5.01** Sportsworld **5.15** English by Radio **5.45** Londres Soir **6.30** Haute Alsuel **8.00** News **8.09** Twenty-Four Hours **8.30** Meridian **9.00** News **9.01** Tech Talk **9.15** Seven Ages of Man **9.30** People and Politics **10.00** News **10.09** From Our Own Correspondent **10.25** Book Choice **10.30** New Ideas **10.40** Reflections **10.45** Sports Roundup **11.00** News **11.09** Commentary **11.15** Nature Notebook **11.30** Anything Goes **12.00** News **12.09** News About Britain **12.15** Radio Newsreel **12.30** Musical Masters of the Baroque **1.00** News **1.01** Play of the Week: Happy Families **2.00** News **2.09** Sunday Papers **2.15** Cannery Row **2.30** Album Time **3.00** News **3.09** News About Britain **3.15** From Our Own Correspondent **3.30** Six Four Eight **News 3.35** Financial News **3.45** Morgenmagazin (until 4.45) **5.00** World News **5.30** Londres Matin

Regional TV: on facing page

BBC2

6.50 Open University. Until **2.45.**
2.50 Network East includes a report on Rajiv Ghandi's new initiative in the Punjab — will it work? And profiles of sculptor Kirti Patel and dress designer Xerxes.
3.30 Film: Two-Way Stretch (1960, b/w) starring Peter Sellers, Wilfrid Hyde White and Lionel Jeffries. Comedy about a group of prisoners who plan a robbery to take place when they are still serving time. But their best-laid plans are threatened by the arrival of a new chief warder. Directed by Robert Day.
4.55 The Sky at Night. Patrick Moore talks to Dr Al Harper, director of the Yerkes Observatory at Williams Bay near Chicago (r).
5.20 Film: Dark Star (1974) starring Dan O'Bannon and Brian Narelle. Science fiction adventure about the crew of a spacecraft tackling aliens, unstable stars and a talking bomb that is jammed in the bomb hold. Directed by John Carpenter.
6.40 The Week in the Lords with Christopher Jones.
7.20 NewsView. Moira Stuart with today's news; Mike Smartt reviews the week's news in pictures with subtitles. Weather.
8.00 The Electrification of the Soviet Union. The first BBC Television production of a Glyndebourne opera. Based on *The Last Summer*, a short story by Boris Pasternak, with libretto by award-winning poet Craig Raine and music by Nigel Osborne. Set in Russia against the background of the First World War and the social disturbances of pre-revolutionary Russia, the story focuses on a love affair between a poet and a governess. Starring baritone Omar Ebrahim and mezzo-soprano Elizabeth Laurence with the London Sinfonietta Opera Orchestra conducted by Elgar Howarth. (simultaeous broadcast on stereo Radio 3) (see also page 20)
9.55 Film: The Diary of a Chambermaid (1964). (see Choice)
11.35 Film: The Diary of a Chambermaid (1945, b/w). Ends at **1.10am.** (see Choice)

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6.00 TV-am includes cartoons and, at **9.20 News** and weather.
9.25 TT3. Entertainment for children **11.00 Terrahawks** (r). **11.30 Roxy — The Network Chart Show** (r).
12.00 Indiana Jones — Heroes and Sidekicks. Television and film heroes and their buddies (r). **12.55 LWT Action.**
1.00 News 1.05 LWT News and weather followed by **Saint & Greavsie.** Ian and Jimmy review the week's football news.
1.35 International Athletics. The World Cross Country Championships from Auckland.
2.15 Ice Skating and International Darts. The ladies' free programme in the World Figure Skating Championships in Budapest; and the John Bull Nations Cup darts from Alexandra Palace.
4.45 Results Service.
5.00 News 5.05 LWT News and weather followed by **A.L.F.** Adventures of an Alien Life Force living in suburban United States.
5.35 Connections. Quiz game.
6.05 Catchphrase. Guessing game hosted by Roy Walker (Oracle)
6.35 Bobby Davro's TV Weekly. The guests are Linda Lusardi and Matthew Kelly.
7.05 You Bet! Game show introduced by Bruce Forsyth.
8.05 Film: Detour to Terror (1980) starring O. J. Simpson. A made-for-television thriller in which a bus touring the Las Vegas area is hijacked by a pair of dune buggies. Directed by Michael O'Herlihy.
9.45 News and sport **10.00 LWT Weather**
10.05 Aspel & Company. The guests are Stewart Granger, Alan Whicker and Twiggy.
10.50 The Big Match. Highlights of one of this afternoon's top football games in London, introduced by Brian Moore.
11.35 Hunter investigates the murder of a woman by a man from her past.
12.35am Fun in the Sun followed by news headlines
1.00 Night Network includes Emma Freud pillow talking to Derek Hatton.
5.00 ITN Morning News. Ends at **6.00.**

CHANNEL 4

9.30 Old Country (r). **10.00 4 What It's Worth** (r). **10.30 A Different Frontier.** Disabled and able-bodied sportsmen and women tackle Iceland's River Hvita from its glacier source to the sea (r).
11.30 Ice Skating. The World Figure Championships featuring the men's free programme **12.30 Empress Wu.** Episode 22.
1.00 Film: A Dispatch from Reuters (1940, b/w) starring Edward G. Robinson. A biopic about the news agency pioneer Paul Julius Reuter. Directed by William Dieterle.
2.40 Film: No Dough, Boys (1944, b/w). A comedy starring the Three Stooges. Directed by Jules White.
3.00 Channel 4 Racing from Doncaster. The 3.05, 3.40, 4.15 and 4.45 races.
5.05 Brookside (r). (Oracle)
6.00 Right To Reply. Michael Grade explains to his critics in the studio why he has decided to cut back on children's programmes and end the popular *Mavis on 4* series.
6.30 Scottish Eye: A New Ball Game. Jimmy Reid talks to the man who hold Glasgow Rangers's purse strings.
7.00 News summary and weather followed by **7 Days** in which Robert Kee talks to the Bishop of Durham about the Easter message.
7.30 Made in Hong Kong. A documentary about life in Hong Kong off the tourist trail — the areas that house the island's low-paid workforce.
8.30 Amen. Comedy series about the power struggle in an inner-city Philadelphia church.
9.00 South Riding. The 12th of 13 episodes (r). (Oracle)
10.00 Black Forest Clinic. Episode 12
10.50 Film: The Comic Strip Presents. . .Funseekers (1988) starring Nigel Planer. Comedy about a group of young British holidaymakers in Ibiza. Directed by Baz Taylor
11.50 Film: The Music Machine (1979) starring Gerry Sundquist and Patti Boulaye. Disco musical about a young couple determined to win a dancing competition. Directed by Ian Sharp.
1.30am Barney Miller. Manhattan police comedy series. Ends at **2.30.**

Radio 3

6.35 Open University: Education Otherwise **6.55** News, weather
7.00 Concert: Haydn (Cello Concerto in C, Jacqueline du Pré, with ECO under Daniel Barenboim) **7.30** News
7.35 Concert (contd): Wagner (Die Feen overture: performed by Amsterdam Concertgebouw, under Edo De Waart), Mendelssohn (String Quartet in E flat: Melos Quartet), Rachmaninov (Aleko excerpts: USSR SO, under Evgeny Svetlanov) **8.30** News
8.35 Cello and Piano: Alexander Baillie and Jack Keaney. Foulds (Keltic Lament), Cassado (Toccata after Frescobaldi), Leighton (Elegy), Tchaikovsky (Pezzo capriccioso), Kodaly (Adagion in C)
9.15 The Week on 3: trailers, presented by Susan Sharpe
9.30 Saturday Review: includes Arnold Whittall's guide to recordings of Britten's String Quartets. Also recordings of Haydn's Symphony No 6 (English Concert, with Trevor Pinnock, harpsichord), Ravel (G major Piano Concerto: Francois-René Duchable with Suisse Romande under Armin Jordan), Mozart (Quartet in A, K 464: Salomon Quartet), Dvorak (Symphony No 3: SNO under Neeme Jarvi)
1.00 News bulletin
1.05 Taking Issue: discussion abouty the problems facing Britain's museums. With Robert Hewison, Elizabeth Esteve-Coll (Victoria and Albert) and Neil Cossons (Science Museum) (r)
1.30 Telemann's Table Music: Collegio Strumentale Italiano perform Ouverture and Conclusion in D
2.05 Cardiff Festival: Thea King (clarinet), Susan Tomes (piano), Krysia Osostowicz (violin). Stravinsky's The Soldier s Tale; Debussy's Première rapsodie; Bartok's Contrasts
2.50 From the 87 Proms: BBC SO, under David Atherton, with Colin Carr (cello), Blomdahl (Sisyphos), Elgar (Cello Concerto); Holst (The Perfect Fool ballet music): Sibelius (Symphony No 5)
4.30 Debut: Vanessa Latache (piano). Scarlatti (Sonatas in F minor, Kk 481; and in G, Kk 125); Franck (Prelude, Chorale and Fugue)
5.00 Jazz Record Requests: with Peter Clayton
5.45 Critics' Forum: with John Spurling in the chair. Topics include Radio 4's Soundtrack series; Spielberg's film Empire of the Sun; and the new Tom Stoppard play Hapgood, at the Aldwych Theatre in London
6.35 Telemann's Table Music: Ouverture and conclusion from third publication of Musique de table; Also, concerti by Bach and Handel. Musica Antiqua, Cologne
7.35 Saint-Saens: Carnival of the Animals. With Pittsburgh SO under Previn, with Joseph Villa (piano), Patricia Prattis Jennings (piano), Anne Martindale Wilkins (cello)
8.00 The Electrification of the Soviet Union: Nigel Osborne's opera. Also on BBC2. A Glyndebourne Touring Opera production. Elgar Howard conducts London Sinfonietta Opera Orchestra (see BBC2 listings)
10.00 Othmar Schoeck: Cello Concerto. Performed by Johannes Goritzki and Neuss Chamber Academy
10.45 Almeida Festival Special: members of Loose Tubes and friends, with Sarah Jane Morris (vocals). Works include Steve Martland's Shoulder to Shoulder; Django Bates's Prelude and Fugue for Mingus; and Louis Andriessen's On Jimmy Yancey **12.00** News

Radio 4

LW (long wave). (s) Stereo on FM
5.55 Shipping **6.00** News Briefing; Weather **6.10** Farming Week (Alan Wright visits North Yorkshire) **6.50** Prayer **6.55** Weather
7.00 Today, incl **7.00, 8.00** News **7.25** Sport **7.30, 8.30** News **7.40, 8.47** Today's Papers **7.45** In Perspective **7.55, 8.58** Weather **8.35** Yesterday in Parliament
9.00 News bulletin **9.05** Sport on 4: with Cliff Morgan
9.30 Breakaway: Bernard Falk and his team with the travel and holiday news
10.00 News; Loose Ends: hosted by Ned Sherrin
11.00 News; The Week in Westminster: Robin Oakley of *The Times* presents a personal review of the week
11.30 From Our Own Correspondent: reports from BBC reporters based overseas
12.00 Money Box: with Louise Botting
12.25 The Hitch-Hiker's Guide to the Galaxy: Repeat of the comedy series starring Peter Jones, Simon Jones, Geoffrey McGivern and Stephen Moore (r) **12.55** Weather
1.00 News
1.10 Any Questions? Jonathan Dimbleby with Lord Young of Graffham; Tony Blair MP; Alan Coren; and Joan Phylacton. From Goff's Oak, Hertfordshire (r) **1.55** Shipping
2.00 News; Second Edition: Kevin Mulhearn leads a discussion on Radio 4 magazine programmes
3.00 News; Lowing Mother: play by Mike Harris. The story of a woman suffering from senile dementia. With Paula Tilbrook and Jane Lowe (r) (s)
4.15 Besieged by the Boers: Extracts from the diary of Annie Kingwill who was 23 when caught in the siege of Kimberley in 1899
4.30 Science Now: Georgina Ferry visits some modern museums of science and technology
5.00 Conversation Piece: Sue MacGregor in conversation with Christine Hart, manager of a centre for the unemployed in Hartlepool
5.25 Week Ending: a satirical view of the week's news **5.50** Shipping Forecast
6.00 News, incl Sports Round-Up
6.25 Citizens: Omnibus edition (s)
7.10 Stop the Week: with Robert Robinson (s)
7.45 Saturday Night-Theatre: Kid Lightning, by Mike Walker. The story of an ex-fairground boxer. With John Hollis (s)
9.00 Music in Mind: Richard Baker presents a selection of words and music
9.50 Ten to Ten: reading, hymn and reflection led by Colin Semper **10.00** News
10.15 The Saturday Feature: Horseman in the Dales. Derek Thompson searches the Yorkshire Dales for the working horses still used there
10.45 The Tale of Ben Thompson: Kevin Berry tells the story of a notorious Texan-gunfighter who was born in Yorkshire
11.00 Cabaret Upstairs: Clive Anderson hosts stand-up comedy show from the London cabaret circuit
11.30 Unnatural Acts: Jeremy Hardy, Kit Hollerbach, Paul B Davies and Caroline Leddy star in a sit-com about four friends living in the same house.
12.00 News
FM as above except: **1.55-2.00pm** Programme News **4.30-6.00** Options: **4.30** Community Matters **5.00** Whole World Picture Show **5.30** Get By in Japanese

BBC1

6.45 Open University. Until **8.50.**
8.55 Play School (r). **9.15 Sunday Worship** includes Archbishop Desmond Tutu speaking from his Cape Town home.
10.00 What on Earth. . ? Wildlife quiz (r). **10.25 Business Matters** (r).
10.50 Telejournal (r). **11.20 Greek Language and People** (r).
11.45 People First. For parents of the mentally handicapped (r). **12.10 See Hear!** For the hearing impaired.
12.35 Farming includes an interview with Professor Ron Bell, director-general of the Agricultural Development and Advisory Service **12.58 Weather.**
1.00 News.
1.05 Bonanza (r). **1.50 Tom and Jerry.** Cartoon (r). **2.00 EastEnders** (r). (Ceefax)
3.00 Film: The Way to the Stars (1945, b/w) starring John Mills, Michael Redgrave and Rosamund John. Second World War drama tribute to the men of the RAF. Directed by Anthony Asquith. (Ceefax)
4.45 World Figure Skating Championships from Budapest.
5.25 Fax. Viewers' questions answered by Bill Oddie, Debbie Rix and Billy Butler.
5.50 The Animals Roadshow with Desmond Morris and Sarah Kennedy. This first of a new series includes an introduction to polo from Major Ronald Ferguson. (Ceefax)
6.25 News with Moira Stuart. Weather.
6.40 Songs of Praise from St John's Kirk, Perth. (Ceefax)
7.15 Film: Six Weeks (1982) starring Dudley Moore and Mary Tyler Moore. The story of a politician who is pesuaded to let a 12-year-old girl suffering from leukaemia to join on his campaign trail. Directed by Tony Bill.
9.00 News with Moira Stuart. Weather.
9.15 That's Life. Consumer affairs series.
10.00 Life Without George. Comedy series starring Simon Cadell and Carol Royle. (Ceefax)
10.30 Heart of the Matter. Joan Bakewell investigates abortion in Ireland.
11.05 Rockschool. Part one of a series on making music in a modern rock band (r).
11.30 Network East (r).
12.10am Weather.

Radio 1

MW (medium wave). Stereo on FM (see below)
6.00am Nicky Campbell **8.00** Adrian John **10.00** Dave Lee Travis **1.00pm** Sunday Oldies (Mike Read) **3.00** Pop of the Form **3.30** Backchat (with Liz Kershaw and Ro Newton. Includes an interview with Boy George **4.00** Chartbusters **5.00** Top 40 (Bruno Brookes) **7.00** Anne Nightingale Request Show **9.00** Andy Peebles Soul Train **11.00-12.00** The Ranking Miss P (with Culture Rock). **FM** Stereo Radios 1 and 2: **4.00am** As Radio 2 **5.00pm** As Radio 1 **12.00-4.00am** As Radio 2

Radio 2

MW (medium wave). Stereo on FM (see Radio 1)
News on the hour (except **8.00pm**) **4.00am** Dave Bussey **6.00** Graham Knight **7.30** Good Morning Sunday (Roger Royle, with Dame Cecily Saunders, Hospice Movement founder) **9.05** Melodies for You (Richard Baker) **11.00** Desmond Carrington **2.00** Benny Green **3.00** Alan Dell **4.00** Serenade (Langham Orchestra) **4.30** Cliff Adams Singers **5.00** Charlie Chester with Sunday Soapbox **7.00** The Good Human Guide (with National Revue Company) **7.30** Operetta Nights (Nigel Douglas) **8.30** Sunday Half-Hour (from Montrose Old Parish Church) **9.00** Your Hundred Best Tunes (with Alan Keith) **10.05** Songs from the Shows **10.45** Tony Mockford at the piano **11.00** Peter Clayton **1.00am** Bill Rennells **3.00-4.00** A Little Night Music

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6.00 TV-am begins with a natural history film
8.30 Frost on Sunday
9.25 Wake Up London. 9.35 Fraggle Rock 10.00 TT3. Children's entertainment **10.30 Follyfoot** (r).
11.00 Morning Worship from Salem Methodist Church, Smallthorne, Stoke-on-Trent
12.00 Weekend World interviews Democratic presidential hopeful, Michael Dukakis.
1.00 LWT News 1.05 Police 5 1.10 Link with Paul Walker of the Muscular Dystrophy Group **1.30 The Smurfs** (r). **1.45 My Little Pony.**
2.00 Encounter with two women closely involved with Aids sufferers.
2.30 Film: Sinbad and the Eye of the Tiger (1977) starring Patrick Wayne. Fantasy adventure with special effects by Ray Harryhausen. Directed by Sam Wanamaker.
4.30 Mr Majeika (Oracle)
5.00 Film: Mr Boogedy (1986). A Walt Disney made-for-television story of an old house with a resident ghost. Directed by Oz Scott.
6.00 Bullseye.
6.30 News 6.35 LWT News and weather.
6.40 Highway. Sir Harry Secombe visits Bideford.
7.15 Film: Airport 1975 (1975) starring Charlton Heston. Thriller about a stewardess who has to take over the controls of a stricken aircraft after a mid-air collision. Directed by Jack Smight. (Oracle)
9.15 News 9.25 LWT Weather.
9.30 Tales of the Unexpected: Back for Christmas, starring Richard Johnson. A medical man plans to kill his wife (r). (Oracle)
10.00 Hot Metal. Comedy starring Robert Hardy. (Oracle)
10.30 The South Bank Show. Harold Pinter and Grahame Greene comment on why so many Nicaraguan poets turned to politics.
11.30 DC Follies.
12.00 Australia 200. A history of Australia's trams.
1.00 Night Network includes singer Louise Goffin.
2.30 Film: The Devil's Brigade (1968) starring William Holden. Second World War drama Directed by Andrew V. McLaglen.
5.00 ITN Morning News. Ends at **6.00.**

CHANNEL 4

9.25 Movie Mahal (colour and b/w) (r).
10.00 The World This Week includes a report on the French presidential election.
11.00 Gumtree. *Don't Give a Bean*, narrated by Ben Keaton **11.15 Helping Henry.** For the young **11.30 The Waltons.**
12.30 APB. This last of the series features Annie Lennox and four members of Curiosity Killed the Cat
1.30 Lost in Space (b/w). Episode eight of the 29-part vintage science fiction serial **2.25 Big Blowout.** An animated film from Hungary about a gargantuan wedding feast.
2.30 Film: The Harvey Girls (1945) starring Judy Garland. Musical about a group of waitresses who bring beauty, refinement and good food to the wilds of New Mexico. With Ray Bolger and Cyd Charisse. Directed by George Sidney.
4.25 Gallery. Art quiz chaired by George Melly. This week Maggi Hambling and Frank Whitford are joined by Ken Russell, Brian Sewell, Sasha Craddock and Jason Bratby.
4.55 News summary and weather.
5.00 A Matter of Life and Debt. The first of a new three-part series examining how the fate of the High Street banks is linked to Third World debtors paying back what they borrowed.
6.00 Shorelines. A documentary exploring the shorelines of the Orkneys.
6.25 Jesus of Nazareth. Episode two and Jesus announces he is the Messiah and is accused of blasphemy (r).
8.15 The Stocks and Shares Show.
8.45 The Riddle of Midnight. (see Choice).
10.15 Film: Gunfight at the OK Corral (1957) starring Burt Lancaster and Kirk Douglas. Classic Western re-creating the events that led to the notorious short, sharp shoot-out in Tombstone between the Earps and Doc Holliday against the Clanton gang. Directed by John Sturges.
12.35am Film: Two Stage Sisters (1964). The story of the friendship and careers of two actresses who meet in rural China in 1935. Directed by Xie Jin. Ends at **2.50.**

Radio 3

6.35 Open University. Language in *Hard Times* **6.55** Weather
7.00 Schumann: Murray Perahia (piano) plays Etudes symphoniques **7.30** News
7.35 Leon Goossens: the oboist in recordings of A Marcello's Concerto in C minor, for oboe and strings (Philharmonia String Orchestra), Schumann's Three Romances, Op 94 (with Moore, piano), and Mozart's Oboe Concerto in C, K314 (Sinfonia of London) **8.30** News
8.35 Your Concert Choice: works by Victoria (Responsories for Tenebrae for Maundy Thursday: Westminster Cathedral Choir); Nielsen (Violin Concerto Op 33: Dong-Suk Kang, with Gothenburg SO); Brahms (Piano Quintet Op 34 (Serkin, piano, with Busch Quartet); Weill (Threepenny Opera (London Sinfonietta)
10.30 Music Weekly: Includes David Bedford on rock and the serious composer; and Michael Tumelty's Letter from Glasgow
11.15 BBC Philharmonic, under Rosen, with Eugene Sarbu (violin). Gluck's Iphigénie en Aulide overture; Lalo (Symphonie espagnole); Rimsky-Korsakov (Capriccio espagnol)
12.10 Words: a talk by Nicholas Penny
12.15 Violin and Piano: Young Uck Kim and Staffan Scheja perform Mozart's Sonata in A, K 305; Webern's Four Pieces, Op 7; and Strauss's Sonata in E flat, Op 18
1.15 Writers Talking: Michael Hofmann, poet and translator
14.40 Music out of Chaos: L'Ecole d'Orphée perform Rebel's dance suite Les Elémens
2.05 Fidelio: Beethoven's opera. Sung in German. Bernstein conducts the Vienna PO . With Lucia Popp, Gundula Janowitz, Hans Sotin, Adolf Dallapozza, and Manfred Jungwirth in the cast. Act one
3.20 Joy: John Shrapnel nand David Goodland read poems from the 18th and 19th centuries
3.40 Fidelio: the second act
4.50 Hagen Quartet: Haydn's Quartet in G minor, Op 74 No 3; Bartok's Quartet No 1; Schubert's Quartet in D minor, D 810, Death and the Maiden
6.30 The Homecoming of a Heretic? Discussion complementing Radio 3's play sequance Whose Is the Kingdom? With Mary Goldring in the chair
7.15 Andrea Gabrieli: The Sixteen perform penitential psalms, and the Dean of Westminster, the Very Rev Michael Mayne, reads from St Augustine s Confessions
8.05 Annie Fischer: piano recital. Beethoven s Sonatas in D, Op 10 No 3; in G, Op 31 No 1; and in E, Op 109
9.10 An Unconquered God: Leo Aylen and Sax Kastelman read prose and verse translated by Aylen
9.30 BBC SO, under Oliver Knussen. Gandolfi's Transfigurations; and Keal's Symphony
10.10 The Seven Last Words: by Haydn (1) Introduction: First Word. Performed by Primose Quartet
10.30 Palm Sunday in Gloucester Cathedral
11.30 French Moonlight: recordings of Debussy's Nocturne (Werner Haas, piano) and Clair de lune (Armeling, soprano and Baldwin, piano); Fauré's Clair de lune (Janet Baker with Gerald Moore). and his Nocturne No 10 (Crossley, piano)
12.00 News bulletin
12.05 Wolf 88: records ofStorchenbotschaft. Fischer-Dieskau (baritone) and Moore (piano). Ends **12.10**

Radio 4

LW (long wave). (s) Stereo on FM
5.55 Shipping **6.00** News Briefing **6.10** Prelude (s)
6.30 News; Morning Has Broken **6.55** Weather
7.00 News **7.10** Sunday Papers **7.15** On Your Farm **7.40** Sunday (religious news and views)
8.00 News **8.10** Sunday Papers **8.50** The Week's Good Cause (Fight for Sight Special Appeal. With Jan Leeming
9.00 News bulletin
9.10 Sunday Papers
9.15 Letter From America by Alistair Cooke
9.30 Morning Service for Palm Sunday. With the Rev Tom McGuiness, SJ (s)
10.15 The Archers: omnibus edition
11.15 News Stand: Polly Toynbee explores Britain's penodicals
11.30 Pick of the Week: Margaret Howard's selection from last week's television and radio programmes
12.15 Desert Island Discs: Sue Lawley's first castaway is Lord Hailsham of St Marylebone who picks some favourite records **12.55** Weather
1.00 The World This Weekend
1.55 Shipping
2.00 Gardeners' Question Time: Clay Jones and his team visit the Bosham, Chidham and District Horticultural Society
2.30 Australia: Tenth of 13 drama-documentaries: Home Within Our Shores (s)
3.30 The Radio Programme: with Laurie Taylor
4.00 News; The Countryside in Spring: incl a conversation with former show-jumper Pat Koechlin-Smythe
4.47 A Geordie in MKI Story written and read by Alex Ferguson
5.00 News: Down the River (new series): Cliff Morgan travels the River Test in Hampshire **5.50** Shipping
6.00 News bulletin
6.15 For He Is An Englishman: autobiographical talk by barrister and historian Charles Arnold-Baker, born a Prussian aristocrat
6.30 International Assignment
7.00 News; the Radio 4 Generation: discussion between a group of young people and a group over retirement age. The chairman is Nick Ross (r)
8.00 Bookshelf: with Nigel Forde. Includes a train journey to Crewe, and an item about the Poetry Book Society (r)
8.30 The Switched-On Parish Pump: celebration of two decades of BBC Local Radio.
9.00 News; The Cost of Discipleship: (6) Archbishop Desmond Tutu
9.15 The Natural History Programme: with Fergus Keeling
10.00 News bulletin
10.15 Soundtrack: documentary about Judy Taylor, who, having been blind for forty years, had an operation which restored sight in one eye. Now comes the second operation (r)
11.00 In Committee: news from Parliament's select committees
11.30 Seeds of Faith: (6) Goodness as Self-sacrifice (s)
12.00 News, incl **12.20** Weather
FM as above except: **7.00-8.00 am** Open University: **7.00** Home's Science of Man **7.20** The Metaphysical Poets **7.40** Acting Cleopatra **1.55-2.00 pm** Programme News **4.00-6.00** Options: **4.00** An Uphill Struggle **4.30** Education Matters **5.00** Team Spirit-the Japanese at Play **5.30** Language Extra **5.45** Ganz spontan!

FREQUENCIES: Radio 1: 1053kHz/285m;1089kHz/275m;VHF-88-90.2. **Radio 2:** 693kHz/433m;909kHz/330m;VHF-88-90.2. **Radio 3:** 1215kHz/247m:VHF-90-92.5. **Radio 4:** 200kHz/1500m;VHF-92-95. **LBC:** 1152kHz/261m;VHF 97.3. **Capital:** 1548kHz/194m; VHF95.8. **BBC Radio London:** 1458kHz/206m;VHF 94.9. **World Service:** MF648kHz/463m.

Illicit bonus of Tehran's missile war

From Nicholas Beeston, Tehran

As Tehranis return from their New Year break this weekend facing the prospect of a fifth week of the "war of the cities" a siege mentality has set in, bringing mixed blessings to war-weary citizens who are experiencing a new sense of camaraderie and a relaxation of Islamic orthodoxies.

For the wealthy whose homes in the northern suburbs have for the first time been in the firing line, the latest twist to the Iran-Iraq conflict has provided an excuse to escape to nearby ski slopes and Caspian Sea resorts, or to check into Tehran's exclusive hotels.

At the crowded Dizin ski slopes enforcers of Iran's strict sexual segregation are taking a back seat. Women, who are generally expected to conceal their skin-tight ski wear with black gowns, are now only making a token effort at Islamic modesty. "The women are normally allocated the short and icy slopes away from the men, but in the current circumstances no one seems to care," one skier said.

Similarly, black market money changers on Ferdowsi Avenue in central Tehran openly flaunt their trade in front of policemen, exchanging one US dollar for 1,200 Iranian riyals in defiance of the official rate of 68.

"They sometimes go in and round them up, but right now they have other things on their minds," one Tehrani said, pointing to a new crater.

At Tehran's three main hotels the normally empty lobbies are packed with rich refugees. Young women wearing black headscarves and thick make-up, whose social life would normally be confined to the cloistered conditions at home, coyly flirt with the sons of other middle-class families.

Even such taboo diversions as drinking alcohol, gambling and watching video films appear to proceed unhindered.

A bottle of whisky – most of it Ballantynes marked "Specially bottled for Iraqi armed forces" – is readily available on the black market for 40,000 riyals, roughly half a month's salary. By far the most profitable illicit industry to have blossomed since the revolution is bootlegging, with home-produced wines and spirits in abundance.

"There is a saying in Iran," a Dezful citizen explained. "The Shah and his father could not make Iranians alcohol drinkers in 50 years but Khomeini has made us alcohol producers in two years."

According to the experts breaking the prohibition has turned some illicit distillers into millionaires, especially among the Armenians and other Christian communities who are allowed to produce home-made wines for their own consumption at Christian feasts.

But the frivolous spin-off for Tehran's long-range missile siege does little to ease the plight of the city's poor, who have found themselves trapped in underground shelters, living in tents outside the city or sleeping on mattresses at the homes of relatives.

To date, some 120 Iraqi missiles have fallen on Tehran, destroying hundreds of properties and killing more than 325 people. The city's inhabitants, who officially number seven million but are probably nearer 11 million, are convinced that Iraq's strategy is to foment a popular uprising against the war by crippling day-to-day life.

Cycling in the hill climbers' footsteps



When the going gets tough: A bike party silhouetted against a threatening Swaledale sky (Photographs: Barry Greenwood).

By Ronald Faux

The old bridleways and miners' tracks of Swaledale, North Yorkshire, are a commercial asset for Mr Steve Chapman, a keen cyclist, who runs weekend tours for people on mountain bicycles.

The rough terrain two-wheelers cover between 15 and 35 miles during a weekend tour depending on the fitness of the party.

"There is a lot to see off the beaten track in Swaledale, the biggest waterfall and the highest pub. Cycling is the best way to see it", he said.

The bikes have 18 gears and beginners spend half an hour on an ordinary road before heading for the hills.

Mr Chapman, a civil servant, took up mountain biking after injuring an ankle in a climbing accident. He saw how popular mountain bike holidays were on the Continent and decided that Swaledale would be ideal.



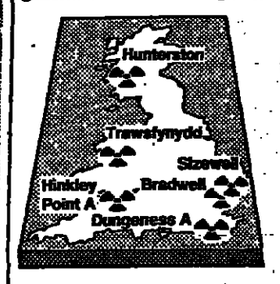
Question mark over reactors' future

By Pearce Wright
Science Editor

The future of a number of Britain's older nuclear power stations is in doubt, after a decision of the Government's nuclear safety inspector that an ageing reactor at Bradwell power station, in Essex, should remain shut until it meets new safety standards.

Criticism was levelled at the Nuclear Installations Inspectorate yesterday for allowing a second reactor at Bradwell to remain in operation until its planned shutdown for maintenance next spring.

The safety conditions must apply to both reactors and to similar ones at other nuclear stations, according to Mr John Large, of Large and Associates, the engineering consultants. He said that in addition to Bradwell, five of the 11 first generation of atomic power



stations in Britain based on Magnox nuclear reactors came into that category.

The inspectorate said: "We don't believe there are any immediate dangers. We monitor them every day, but the reactors at Bradwell are reaching their projected life span, and we feel they can be made safer to meet modern standards".

The requested changes follow a long-term safety review started into the possibility of the Central Electricity Generating Board extending the operation of some Magnox stations from 25 to 30 years.

Bradwell was the fourth Magnox station in Britain when it came into service in 1962. The first three at Calder Hall, Chapelcross and Berkeley operate at temperatures lower than those that have contributed to corrosion problems in the later plants.

The inspectorate said yesterday that safety reviews of the other stations were being made.

The CEGB said yesterday it was surprised that the nuclear inspectors were not totally satisfied.

Seizure threat to NUS

Continued from page 1

executive was in support of the seven-week strike by 2,300 crewmen at Dover and not, as the union claimed, merely to test opinion on the state of the industry generally.

He said: "It seems to me that some very good brains have been used to see what steps can be taken to support the Dover seamen without breaking the law". Later the judge added: "This has been an ingenious, but ingenuous, attempt to get round the law."

The judge said he had considerable respect for Mr Sam McCluskie, the NUS general secretary, but what he said had to be questioned.

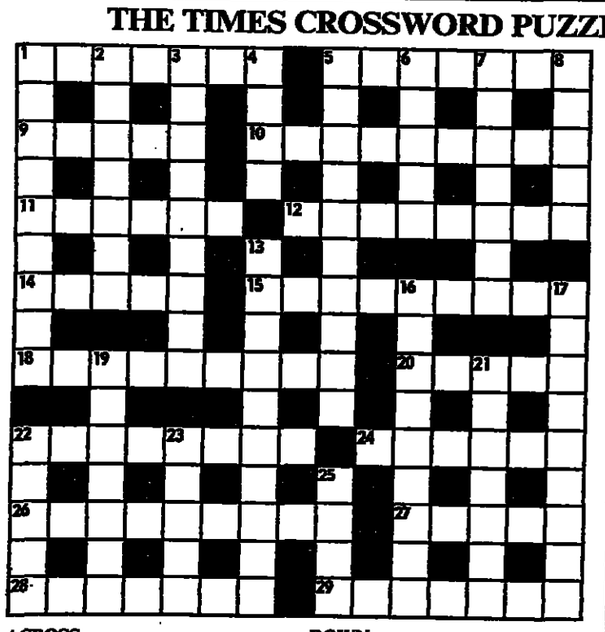
"Either Mr McCluskie is not being frank in this matter, or his executive council is unwilling to accept his advice", the judge said.

P&O had brought the action to stop the NUS acting on a national ballot it is conducting for industrial action.

● Talks between the NUS and P&O aimed at settling the seven-week old strike at Dover were adjourned last night to give both sides time to consider proposals submitted over the past three days.

Ferries cancelled, page 2

THE TIMES CROSSWORD PUZZLE NO 17,627



ACROSS

1 Dog found in the index (7).
5 Afterthought about, say, whole country backing a horse (7).
9 A change of clothing (5).
10 Fail to take a hand at the tiller (9).
11 Varnish some people name 'lacquer' (6).
12 Warren where a battle was fought (8).
14 Production of 4 with a dramatic performance (5).
15 It grows in the street out of earth and a lot of grass (5-4).
18 Where prizes go up (2,3,4).
20 Most of a Borgia's wealth (5).
22 Scorn using trick to allure (8).
24 Burning panel causes damage (6).
26 Is a person disposed to censure? (9).
27 Ghost-writer? (5).
28 Superior stove-pipe, for instance (4-3).
29 Whisper about daughter's liberality (7).

DOWN

1 Fainted, having completed training (6,3).
2 Take off from island – it's included in China (7).
3 Climbing, for instance, ace fell – it's the start of the book (5-4).
4 Work in the engineer's line (4).
5 It's appropriate to have a quick look, say, at the information being put out (10).
6 Turn up to jazz concert in the joint (5).
7 Class remains out of control (7).
8 Burns –'e goes and writes poetry (5).
13 Not entirely how spire goes (2,2,1,5).
16 Inelegant, untidy plant (9).
17 Completely breaking ice with 'Henry V' (5,4).
19 A guy could get attached to it (4-3).
21 Ran round in abominable . . . (7).
22 . . . conveyance to give instruction (5).
23 With roof missing, man's home becomes a shelter for animals (5).
25 Cut cakes up (4).

Solution to Puzzle No 17,626

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Solution to Puzzle No 17,621

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WORD-WATCHING

A daily safari through the language jungle. Which of the possible definitions is correct?

By Philip Howard

FURPHY
a. An albino gerbil
b. A scurrilous rumour
c. Theft by finding

KHUTPUT
a. Corruption
b. a kilt puttee
c. A fish pilau

RALPH
a. To vomit
b. Androgynous
c. A rocket launcher

HALOTIC
a. Salt-loving
b. Having bad breath
c. Easy to catch

Answers on page 22, column 1

A prize of The Times Concise Atlas of the World *will be given for the first five correct solutions opened next Thursday. Entries should be addressed to: The Times, Saturday Crossword Competition, PO Box 486, Virginia Street, London E1 9DD. The winners and solution will be published next Saturday.*

The winners of last Saturday's competition are: G Courtney, 89a New Wokingham Road, Crowthorne, Berks; A Cunningham, White's Farm, Gotherington, Cheltenham; R A F Linton, 83 Deodar Road, Putney; J Brewster, 7 Kenilworth, Great Lumley, Chester-le-Street, Co Durham; P J Barlow, Annandale, Minard, Argyll.

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Concise crossword, page 21

WEATHER

Northern and eastern Scotland will be mostly cloudy with showers, wintry over the mountains. Elsewhere there will be sunny periods and showers. Only well-sheltered eastern or south-eastern parts of England are likely to stay dry. It will remain windy everywhere with gales in the South and West. Outlook: Showers dying out on Sunday. Dry and sunny start on Monday followed by further rain.

ABROAD

MIDDAY: t=thunder; d=drizzle; lg=log; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain

	C	F			C	F	
Ajaccio	17	63	f	Madrid	23	73	s
Alicante	18	64	s	Majorca	20	68	s
Alex'dria	19	66	f	Malaga	21	70	s
Algiers	25	77	s	Malta	17	63	s
Amst'dm	5	41	r	Mexico C*	24	75	s
Athens	16	61	f	Miami*	28	79	s
Bahrain	23	73	s	Milan	14	57	s
Barbados*	29	84	f	Montreal*	8	46	f
Barcelna	21	70	s	Moscow	3	37	f
Belgrade	14	57	f	Munich	5	41	c
Berlin	9	48	f	Naples	16	61	f
Bermuda*	19	66	c	N Delhi	30	86	s
Biarritz	16	61	f	N York*	22	72	s
Borde'x	13	55	d	Nice	17	63	s
Brussels	10	50	c	Oslo	1	34	sn
Budapst	12	54	f	Paris	10	50	r
B Aires*	25	77	f	Peking	11	52	s
Cairo	26	79	s	Perth	21	70	d
Cape Tn	23	73	s	Prague	6	43	r
C'blanca	21	70	s	Reykjvik	5	41	s
Chicago*	18	61	c	Rhodes	16	61	s
Ch'church	17	63	c	Rio de J	27	81	s
Cologne	7	45	r	Riyadh	28	82	s
C'phage	4	39	r	Rome	16	61	c
Corfu	17	63	s	Salzburg	5	41	r
Dublin	10	50	r	S F'risco*	16	61	s
Dubrovnik	15	59	s	Seoul	12	54	s
Faro	21	70	s	Sing'por	29	84	f
Florence	18	64	c	St'kholm	1	34	sn
Funchal	18	64	s	Strasb'rg	8	46	r
Geneva	9	48	r	Sydney	23	73	c
Gibraltar	25	77	s	Tangier	21	70	s
Helsinki	1	34	sn	Tel Aviv	27	81	s
Hong K	22	72	c	Tenerife	24	75	s
Innsbruck	3	37	r	Tokyo	9	48	c
Istanbul	15	59	s	Toronto*	5	41	c
Jeddah	31	88	s	Tunis	23	73	s
Jo'burg*	24	75	s	Valencia	28	82	s
Karachi	29	84	s	Vanc'ver*	6	43	r
L Palmas	25	77	s	Venice	14	57	s
Le Touquet	10	50	f	Vienna	11	52	s
Lisbon	18	64	s	Warsaw	9	48	f
Locarno	11	52	c	Wash'ton*	21	70	s
L Angels*	24	75	s	Wel'ton	18	64	r
Luxmbg	9	48	f	Zurich	9	48	r

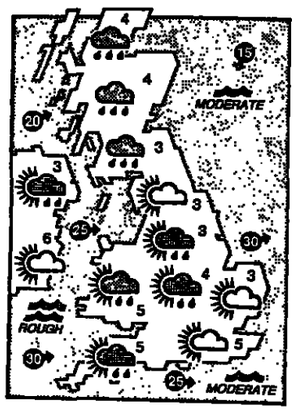
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AROUND BRITAIN

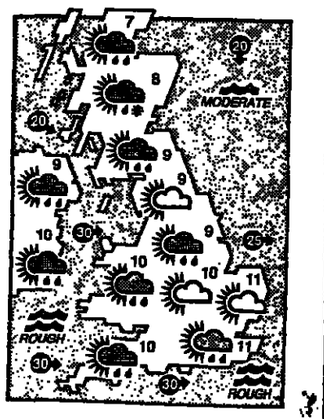
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Scarboro	6.0	.11	10	50	shower
Bridlington	5.3	.10	9	48	sunny
Hunstanton	2.1	.08	10	50	thundr
Cromer	2.5	.19	10	50	rain
Lowestoft	2.0	-	12	54	cloudy
Clacton	4.6	.01	13	55	bright
Southend	*	-	14	57	gale
Folkestone	4.7	.04	14	57	sunny
Hastings	3.3	.18	12	54	bright
Eastbourne	1.9	.22	12	54	cloudy
Brighton	1.6	.11	11	52	cloudy
Worthing	2.0	.09	12	54	bright
Litlehmptn	2.5	.11	13	55	bright
Bognor R	2.8	.12	13	55	drizzle
Southsea	2.9	.10	13	55	cloudy
Sandown	3.3	.12	11	52	sunny
Bournemth	2.2	.09	13	55	bright
Poole	2.2	.07	13	55	cloudy
Swanage	1.7	.07	12	54	bright
Weymouth	1.1	.03	11	52	bright
Exmouth	1.5	.01	13	55	cloudy
Torquay	1.6	.01	13	55	bright
Falmouth	-	.04	13	55	cloudy
Penzance	-	.02	11	52	cloudy
Scilly Isles	-	-	11	52	dull
Ilfracombe	-	.03	10	50	dull
Minehead	0.5	.04	11	52	cloudy
Morecambe	4.4	.12	8	46	hail
Douglas	*	.15	9	48	hail
Carlisle	3.8	.22	-	-	hail
Nottingham	1.7	.08	9	48	shower
Anglesey	3.7	.04	10	50	hail
Colwyn Bay	*	.06	*	*	sunny
Tenby	0.8	.09	11	52	cloudy
Aberdeen	3.5	.09	9	48	bright
Aviemore	0.8	.52	6	43	shower
Edinburgh	1.7	.33	8	46	shower
Eskdalemuir	2.8	.51	7	45	hail
Glasgow	-	.51	7	45	rain
Kinloss	5.3	.06	11	52	bright
Larwick	-	.11	6	43	rain
Prestwick	0.2	.19	8	46	shower
Stornoway	3.5	.35	9	48	shower
Tiree	0.1	.79	7	45	rain
Wick	5.0	.31	9	48	shower

* Denotes figures not available
These are Thursday's figures

AM



PM



LIGHTING-UP TIME

TODAY
London 6.54 pm to 6.17 am
Bristol 7.04 pm to 6.27 am
Edinburgh 7.09 pm to 6.26 am
Manchester 7.04 pm to 6.24 am
Penzance 7.15 pm to 6.39 am

TOMORROW
London 7.56 pm to 6.15 am
Bristol 8.06 pm to 6.25 am
Edinburgh 8.11 pm to 6.24 am
Manchester 8.06 pm to 6.22 am
Penzance 8.17 pm to 6.37 am

LONDON

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 14C (57F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 6C (43F). Humidity: 6 pm, 50 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, 0.24 in. Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, 6.8 hr. Bar, mean sea level, 6 pm, 1005.6 millibars, rising.
1,000 millibars=29.53in.

YESTERDAY

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; r, rain; r, rain; s, sun.

	C	F			C	F	
Belfast	9	48	r	Guernsey	10	50	c
B'mpton	9	48	f	Inverness	7	45	c
Blackpool	8	46	f	Jersey	11	52	f
Bristol	11	52	s	London	11	52	c
Cardiff	11	52	s	M'chester	9	48	f
Edinburgh	10	50	c	Newcastle	9	48	c
Glasgow	9	48	c	R'nldsway	9	48	f

HIGHEST & LOWEST

Thursday: Highest day temp: Folkestone, Kent, and London, 14C (57F); lowest day max Aviemore, Highland, 6C (43F); highest rainfall: Tiree, Strathclyde, 0.79 in; highest sunshine: Leuchars, Fife, 8.0 hr.

MANCHESTER

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 11C (52F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 3C (37F) Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, 0.47 in. Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, 6 hr.

HIGH TIDES

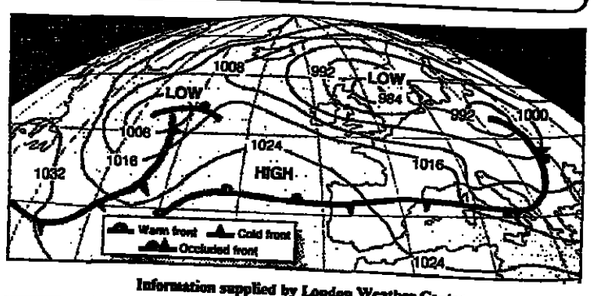
TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	7.30	5.8	7.52	5.5
Aberdeen	7.24	3.1	8.49	3.0
Avonmouth	—	—	12.50	9.0
Belfast	5.06	2.9	6.12	2.6
Cardiff	—	—	12.35	8.5
Devonport	11.37	4.0	—	—
Dover	5.05	5.0	5.50	4.9
Falmouth	11.07	3.8	11.37	4.0
Glasgow	5.48	4.3	7.06	3.7
Harwich	5.33	3.0	6.58	2.8
Holyhead	4.23	4.2	5.43	4.0
Hull	—	—	12.15	5.5
Ilfracombe	—	—	12.17	6.1
Leith	8.57	4.1	9.51	4.2
Liverpool	4.58	6.9	5.01	6.6
Lowestoft	3.59	2.0	3.58	1.9
Margate	5.50	3.8	6.17	3.7
Milford Haven	—	—	12.27	4.7
Newquay	11.27	4.8	—	—
Oban	—	—	1.32	2.6
Penzance	10.55	4.0	11.27	4.2
Portland	11.39	1.0	11.56	1.2
Portsmouth	5.11	3.6	6.26	3.5
Shoreham	4.39	4.5	5.48	4.5
Southampton	4.52	3.5	6.04	3.4
Swansea	—	—	12.21	6.7
Tees	10.03	4.0	11.01	3.9
W'ton-on-Nze	5.36	3.3	6.05	3.0

TOMORROW	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	9.47	5.5	10.14	5.4
Aberdeen	9.58	3.1	11.16	3.1
Avonmouth	1.27	8.9	3.42	8.8
Belfast	7.28	2.6	8.37	2.6
Cardiff	1.12	8.4	3.27	8.3
Devonport	12.07	4.2	2.05	3.9
Dover	7.48	4.8	8.19	5.0
Falmouth	—	—	1.35	3.7
Glasgow	7.52	4.0	10.32	3.7
Harwich	8.17	2.9	8.45	2.8
Holyhead	7.18	4.2	8.17	4.1
Hull	1.24	5.2	2.42	5.4
Ilfracombe	12.57	6.2	3.02	6.2
Leith	11.29	4.2	—	—
Liverpool	7.45	6.8	8.42	6.8
Lowestoft	8.42	1.9	8.16	1.9
Margate	8.25	3.7	8.48	3.6
Milford Haven	1.21	4.8	3.26	4.7
Newquay	12.21	4.9	2.25	4.9
Oban	3.50	2.8	3.55	2.8
Penzance	—	—	1.21	3.9
Portland	—	—	4.50	1.1
Portsmouth	7.48	3.4	9.01	3.5
Shoreham	7.21	4.3	8.29	4.6
Southampton	7.26	3.4	8.40	3.5
Swansea	1.09	6.7	3.06	6.6
Tees	—	—	12.37	4.0
W'ton-on-Nze	8.14	3.1	8.47	3.1

Tide measured in metres: 1m=3.280ft.
Times are BST

TODAY	Sun rises:	Sun sets:	TOMORROW	Sun rises:	Sun sets:
	5.49 am	6.24 pm		6.47 am	7.26 pm
	Moon sets:	Moon rises:		Moon sets:	Moon rises:
	3.40 am	10.38 am		5.08 am	12.51 pm
Full Moon April 2			Full Moon April 2		

NOON TODAY



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THE POUND

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells		Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.575	2.435	Italy Lire	2358	2245
Austria Sch	22.40	21.30	Japan Yen	240	228
Belgium Fr	66.90	63.60	Netherlands Gld	3.575	3.405
Canada $	2.37	2.25	Norway Kr	12.00	11.40
Denmark Kr	12.22	11.62	Portugal Esc	260	247
Finland Mkk	7.72	7.32	South Africa Rd	4.40	3.90
France Fr	10.78	10.26	Spain Pta	212	201
Germany Dm	3.19	3.03	Sweden Kr	11.28	10.73
Greece Dr	259	239	Switzerland Fr	2.635	2.505
Hong Kong $	14.82	14.07	USA $	1.91	1.82
Ireland Pt	1.196	1.136	Yugoslavia Dnr	2870	2270

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Retail Price Index: 103.7 (February) London: The *FT* index closed down 13.3 at 1408.3

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STOCK MARKET

FT 30 Share
1408.3 (–13.3)

FT-SE 100
1767.9 (–14.8)

Bargains
31584 (33292)

USM (Datastream)
148.39 (–1.42)

THE POUND

US dollar
1.8360 (–0.0060)

W German mark
3.0771 (–0.0184)

Trade-weighted
76.7 (–0.4)

Another change in the City's changing face



On top of the world: Lord Boardman, chairman of National Westminster Bank, played his part in changing the City skyline when he performed the topping out ceremony at phase five of the Broadgate development over Liverpool Street Station. It will house 2,000 of the bank's staff (Photograph: John Rogers)

Beazer nears victory with $1.8bn offer

By John Bell, City Editor

Beazer Group, the construction and building materials group, moved closer to victory in its battle for control of the US aggregates company, Koppers Inc, with an increased offer of $60 per share. The new terms, an increase of $4 per share, value the Pittsburgh company at $1.8 billion (£980 million).

Wall Street analysts say the latest offer from the Bath-based group is a full one and stands a high chance of success. Arbitrageurs are now thought to control a crucial 35 per cent stake in Koppers, much of it bought at prices in the $39 to $49 per share range. They are unlikely to resist the $60 dollar offer for long, unless the beleaguered Koppers finds a white knight or arranges a leveraged buyout on better terms.

But the battle for the second largest supplier of sand and gravel in the US is far from over. Koppers has maintained a frosty attitude to Mr Brian Beazer, the British company's chairman, since he launched a complex $45-a-share offer last month.

Koppers is one of Pittsburgh's leading companies and has been busy mobilizing local opposition. Employees have been ripping up their American Express cards as a public protest against the involvement of Shearson Lehman Brothers, part of the Amex group, as one of Beazer's advisers and financial backers.

One local group said it was prepared to offer a buyout proposal that would be worth substantially more than the then current offer from Beazer of $1.6 billion.

Mr Charles Pullin, the chairman of Koppers, did not react initially to the gesture of support. For he has told shareholders that he has a number of schemes already under consideration that might be used to block the Beazer bid.

These defence tactics involve the repayment of cash to Koppers shareholders in the form of substantial dividends. Mr Pullin is also looking at a proposal to sell shares in his group building products companies. The City of Pittsburgh has weighed in on the side of its local company and has made a legal complaint objecting to Beazer's hostile approach.

However, in London, most of Beazer's institutional shareholders still find the strategy behind the deal an attractive one, which marries the strongly cash-generative aggregates business of Koppers with Beazer's cash-hungry house-building and construction operations.

Beazer said yesterday that the increased bid would be financed partly by an injection of an extra $16 million of equity into BNS, the company formed to launch the Koppers bid, and partly by higher borrowings at BNS itself.

The British group also repeated its threat to take legal action if Koppers sold all or part of its construction materials and services companies as part of any recapitalization designed to defeat the bid.

£720m deficit hits pound and shares

By David Smith, Economics Correspondent

A second successive large deficit on Britain's current account last month hit the pound and share prices and resurrected fears that the economy is overheating.

The current account was in deficit by £720 million, only slightly lower than the downward-revised £844 million deficit in January.

The deficit for the first two months of the year, £1.56 billion, compares with the Treasury's prediction of a full-year deficit of only £4 billion.

Market expectations, based on the Treasury's view that the January figures were heavily distorted, were for a sharp narrowing of the deficit, and yesterday's figures came as a shock.

Share prices, which had been recovering gently from early morning lows after Thursday's 49.5 point drop in the FT-SE 100 index, fell sharply on the figures.

The FT-SE 100 index closed 14.8 points down at 1,767.9.

Traders said the fall would have been even sharper in reaction to the trade data had it not been for the big drop on Thursday.

The pound, which earlier in the week pushed through DM3.10, its strength having contributed to equity market uncertainties, fell back.

Sterling closed 2 pfennigs down at DM3.0780, and also lost 60 points to $1.8360, while the sterling index fell by 0.4 of a point to 76.7.

In the money markets, dealers said the poor trade figures and the subsequent drop in the pound had killed hopes of lower base rates. Gilts ended around three-quarters of a point down.

"The important point is that the trend is abundantly clear," said Mr Steven Bell, economist at Morgan Grenfell. "Even an £8 billion deficit for this year sounds quite conservative."

Mr Ian Harwood, an economist at Warburg Securities, said: "Doubts have really been sown by this February trade number. Strongly growing consumer demand is pulling in imports at a rapid rate, as is the boom in capital investment."

Exports fell to £6.18 billion last month, from £6.21 billion in January.

Imports also fell last month, from £7.65 billion to £7.5 billion. But their fall in the latest three months, of 1.5 per cent, was smaller than the drop in exports.

The visible trade deficit last month was £1.32 billion, with the surplus on invisible trade estimated at an unchanged £600 million.

Until the latest two months' data, the trade figures had pointed to strong growth in imports alongside slower growth in exports.

Officials at the Department of Trade and Industry said it was impossible to say on the basis of the latest figures whether these earlier trends had changed. They added that there were no discernible distortions arising from the introduction of the new Single Administrative Document on January 1.

The Treasury said that both the January and February figures should be treated with caution, and officials raised the possibility that the March figures would also be distorted.

But the City, having been convinced by the Treasury's interpretation of the January figures – which looks to have been mistaken – was less prepared to accept its explanation yesterday.

The latest inflation figures, showing a 0.4 per cent rise in the retail price index last month but an unchanged 12-month rate of 3.3 per cent, were discounted in the financial markets.

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Plessey's GEC link approved

By Derek Harris
Industrial Editor

The telecommunications joint venture planned by GEC and Plessey, two of Britain's biggest electrical and electronics groups, received overwhelming approval at an extraordinary meeting of Plessey shareholders.

Approval was necessary for the venture, named GEC Plessey Telecommunications, to go ahead. It will now become operational next week on Good Friday, April 1.

The Department of Trade and Industry also agreed to a variation of undertakings given by GEC last year at the time of the monopolies inquiry into GEC's proposed acquisition of Plessey. The changes clear the way for the joint venture to be set up.

It has already been decided not to refer the joint venture proposal for a monopolies investigation.

The joint company will supply a full range of telecommunications projects and is expected to have annual sales of more than £1,100 million.

Sir John Clark, Plessey's chairman and chief executive, told the shareholders: "This initiative will ensure that Britain is now in a strong and challenging position compared to other world-class competitors."

Carlton in £26m video copier deal

By Our City Staff

Carlton Communications, the television services company, is buying the world's largest high-speed video copying business for £26 million.

Modern Video Productions, which is based in Philadelphia and Helmond in the Netherlands, can make 20 million video cassettes a year using the latest high-speed equipment.

The company claims to be able to reproduce a two-hour video cassette in less than 80 seconds, more than 150 times faster than conventional methods used by its rivals.

Carlton, which also stands to pay out another £19 million depending on future profits of the business, believes the US video market may double over the next three years.

Mr Michael Green, the chairman, said: "The growing penetration of the home video recorder has created a massive market for pre-recorded cassettes and distribution channels are improving all the time. 110 million video cassettes were sold in the US alone in 1987, up from 5 million units in 1982."

Modern Video also operates a video production unit attracting business around Philadelphia, ranging from political campaign videos to children's and information films.

Carlton is financing the deal through the issue of 3.6 million new shares. They have been conditionally placed and underwritten at 725p by Hambros Bank with Shearson Lehman Securities acting as broker.

Modern Video made pretax profits of £2.1 million last year on a turnover of £13.8 million. It is expecting to make profits of £4.6 million in the current year.

Profits jump at N Hay

Pretax profits of Norman Hay, the electro-plating specialist, rose from £667,000 to £1 million in the year ended December, on a turnover up from £6.4 million to £7.69 million.

A final dividend of 3.3p a share makes a year's payment of 5p (4.1475p), and the shares responded with a 4p rise to 377p.

There was a significant increase in turnover and profits at Borough Plating, and following earlier deals the group will continue to make related acquisitions.

Express post

Interlink Express, the USM quoted parcel delivery company, is paying £180,000 for Postplan, Britain's only private postal service. Interlink last week announced interim pretax profits of £3.1 million against £2.1 million in the previous first half.

Aspen soars

Aspen Communications, the USM-listed corporate video and specialist print group, raised pretax profits by 62 per cent last year to £3.4 million and earnings per share by 41 per cent to 22.8p. The total dividend is 5.1p against 3.7p. The shares rose 5p to 440p.

Davies profit

Davies & Metcalfe, mechanical and electrical engineer, made pretax profits of £819,000 in the year to the end of December against losses the previous year of £653,000. The final dividend was restored at 1.75p, making a total 2.38p against 0.63p the previous year.

Dobson Park fails in £33m MS bid

By Our City Staff

Dobson Park Industries, the mining equipment and industrial group, yesterday lost its hotly contested £33 million takeover bid for MS International, the mining equipment group.

When the offer closed last night Dobson Park was left well short of victory, speaking for 35.7 per cent of the MS shares – of which it had bought 29.8 per cent itself.

The outcome of the battle hinged on the reaction of two big City institutions, M&G, and Provident Mutual, which owned 15 per cent of MS and decided to stay with the existing management.

Mr Michael Bell, the MS chairman, broke off celebrations at the Savoy Hotel to say: "I am absolutely delighted – not just for myself but for the whole team who fought this bid. I think it shows that when you are defending a hostile bid you have to come out fighting yourself. And that is what we did."

There was a more muted response from Mr Alan Kaye, chief executive of Dobson Park Industries, who said: "I am clearly very disappointed. We always knew that success would depend on two or three very large institutions who in the event decided not to come along with us. We thought they understood the arguments we had put forward but obviously they preferred to stay with the present board."

Mr Kaye said Dobson Park would be holding on to its shareholding in MS and the possibility of launching another bid remained an option.

Dobson Park had been an aggressive buyer of MS shares which had been falling away from the 130p a share cash terms as the possibility of failure grew stronger. At the close yesterday MS was 120p.

Office tower sold for record £110m

By Cliff Feltham

Sea Containers House, the 14-storey office building by Blackfriars Bridge has changed hands for £110 million in a sale and leaseback deal.

This is thought to be a record price paid for a property on the South Bank of the Thames. The buyers are Rotch Property Group, a private investment company.

The building was constructed in the early 1970s as a hotel shell but was acquired by Sea Containers – the Bermuda-registered shipping group which runs the Sealink cross-Channel ferries operation – in 1978.

The 600,000 sq ft building was converted into first-class office accommodation and in addition to Sea Containers, which will continue to lease the upper floors as its British headquarters, includes tenants such as HM Customs and Excise, Lawrence Jones, and Touche Ross. Initial income is £8.7 million a year with a number of reviews due in the early 1990s.

Sea Containers said it had decided to sell the building because it made "good commercial sense."

"We have secured for ourselves exactly the type of accommodation we needed for our UK headquarters – and the strength of the pound means that this is a very good deal for our stockholders."

Sea Containers said it had not sold because it needed the cash. "We have just produced our financial results showing a sharp improvement in earnings." De Morgan Group, the USM-listed advisers on commercial property investment, acted on behalf of Rotch Property and arranged the finance for the deal.

Ecstatic shareholders re-elect Rowland

Lonrho crowns its Tiny prince

By Colin Campbell

In the week that M François Mitterrand, aged 71, decided he would stand again as president of France, Mr Roland "Tiny" Rowland – at the age of 70 – was also out wooing the voters.

If Britain were not a monarchy, it might have been assumed from yesterday's annual Lonrho meeting in the Great Room of Grosvenor House, under sparkling chandeliers and with standing room only, that Mr Rowland was seeking office higher than that of chief executive.

At 11.30 am, and in great theatrical style, Sir Edward du Cann, the chairman, alone took the stage. Where was the rest of the board? Was a great messsage of moment about to be made? Had there been one of those awful coups?

No, Sir Edward was merely to announce the meeting was under way, but first there would be a 20-minute film devoted to Lonrho's recent acquisitions.

At 11.58am, the rest of the board, as if by magic appearing from the audience, took their seats and Sir Edward delivered a 30-minute speech – ending with "in the interests of brevity and good order."

As if Lonrho shareholders had not already had their arms filled with pamphlets on their way to the forum – House of Fraser circulars handed out outside the meeting; books on *The Sultan and I* handed out by Lonrho on the way in; copies of the annual report; specially-coloured voting cards, and

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circulars on the seats outlining "A History of Growth" – they were additionally, and at length, given Sir Edward's verbal views on the House of Fraser and the Al Fayed brothers.

Sir Edward then invited questions.

Why, one shareholder wanted to know, had Sir Edward and his board, in its handouts, attacked a head of state, the Sultan of Brunei, and was it right to insult him? "The truth has to be established," Sir Edward answered.

Why was Lonrho obsessed with the Al-Fayeds? And why did Sir Edward say: "Not even his (Mr Mohamed Al-Fayed's) claimed name and date of birth are his own" when Mr Rowland had also altered his name.

Did Lonrho directors receive cases of wine from the group's chateau and have free holidays in Acapulco? To which Sir Edward said there was no free wine, no bucket and spade holidays, and there were ways and ways of changing a name.

By now the faithful were getting itchy, and it was time for the re-election process. In deference to his age and status Mr Rowland was bidden to remain seated. Surely everybody knew him; this star. Even the gesture of putting his name was hardly necessary. The hands went up in unison. The vote was a unanimous "yes." And then there was an almighty round of applause.

Their chief executive was back in office. The national anthem was not played . . . but was a shareholder heard to say: "And long may he reign"?

SUMMARY

STOCK MARKETS

New York	
Dow Jones	1991.21 (–32.66)*
Tokyo	
Nikkei Average	25626.71 (–154.5)
Hong Kong:	
Hang Seng	2501.93 (–44.47)
Amsterdam: Gen	241.9 (–8.3)
Sydney: AO	1424.5 (–26.0)
Frankfurt:	
Commerzbank	1379.9 (–44.8)
Brussels:	
General	4960.4 (–12.8)
Paris: CAC	292.0 (–4.6)
Zurich: SKA Gen	n/a
London:	
FT–A All-Share	909.64 (–8.59)
FT–"500"	999.76 (–9.35)
FT Gold Mines	243.2 (+0.6)
FT Fixed interest	97.61 (+0.09)
FT Govt Secs	90.24 (–0.10)

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MAIN PRICE CHANGES

RISES:	
H Mackay	315p (+10p)
B Matthews	86½p (+10p)
SA Breweries	352½p (+25p)
Grainger	407½p (+8p)
FALLS:	
Speyhawk	330p (–24p)
BICC	303½p (–18p)
Tate & Lyle	803p (–21p)
Thorn EMI	591½p (–14p)
Whitbread 'A'	297½p (–10p)
Tyne Tees	537p (–12p)
Laing Prop	400p (–13p)
Assoc Brit Ports	510p (–12p)
Rank Org	687p (–14p)
Mitel	149½p (–13p)
Standard Chart	440p (–18p)

Closing prices

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent (May) pm $15.55bbl ($15.55)
* Denotes latest trading price

INTEREST RATES

London: Bank Base: 8½%
3-month interbank 8⅜–8⅝%
3-month eligible bills: 8 13/32–8 11/32% buying rate
US: Prime Rate 8½%
Federal Funds 8 5/16%*
3-month Treasury Bills 5.77–5.75%*
30-year bonds 101⅜–101 11/16*

CURRENCIES

London:	New York:
£: $1.8360	£: $1.8360*
£: DM3.0771	$: DM1.6760*
£: SwFr2.5456	$: SwFr1.3862*
£: FFr10.4441	$: FFr5.6865*
£: Yen230.42	$: Yen125.25*
£: Index:76.7	$: Index:93.2
ECU £0.673287	SDR £0.744837

GOLD

London Fixing:
AM $451.50 pm-$451.80
close $451.75-452.25 (£246.25-246.75)
New York:
Comex $451.80-452.30*

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BUSINESS ROUNDUP

TI sells subsidiary to B Elliott for £2m

TI, the engineering company, is selling TI Robertson to B Elliott, the manufacturer of machine tools, for a total consideration £2.025 million. The company is based at Bedford, and manufactures thread cutting and rolling dies and keys for engineering companies.

TI said that Robertson is a profitable business, but it does not fit with TI's business criteria. Last year Robertson made pretax profits of £260,000 on sales of £3.4 million. Elliott is funding the acquisition by a vendor placing of 1.55 million shares, a placing for cash of 195,000 shares and a cash payment of £590,000.

Laird sells US offshoot

Laird Group, the transport and engineering concern, is selling New York Twist Drill, its power transmission and cutting tools offshoot in the United States, for £3.8 million. The purchaser is Regal-Beloit Corporation and the consideration is in cash. Laird says the business is going through a difficult time and it has decided to concentrate on other parts of the group that it believes have better growth prospects.

£1.7m buys for Ashtead

Ashtead, the plant hire company, is paying £1.7 million for Power Products (Plant Hire) and Beaver Plant (Scotland) which are based at Kilmarnock. Last year the business, which operates from three depots at Kilmarnock, Ayr and Stevenston in Strathclyde, had a turnover of £2.7 million and made a profit of £72,000. It is expected to make profits of not less than £250,000 in the current year.

Buyers 'keen on VW'

Dresdner Bank said there was wide public interest in the WestGerman Government's remaining 16 per cent share in Volkswagen, the car maker, confirming dealers' reports of active domestic and foreign demand. "Interest is very large and certainly not all wishes will be fulfilled," said a spokesman for Dresdner, the lead underwriter for the offer of 4.8 million shares at DM238 each. But he said there were no plans for an early close to the March 24 to 28 subscription period, with subscription and allocation details not to be released until late Monday at the earliest.

The Dresdner spokesman said the final decision on share allocation will be taken jointly by the government and the underwriting consortium of 75 banks. Volkswagen's ordinary shares closed at DM240, down from the previous day's DM244.30 close. Most dealers attributed this to a mixture of profit-taking and general market weakness.

Clearance for £84m offer

Lord Young of Graffham, the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, has decided not to refer the Hepworth Ceramic Holdings offer for Henderson Group to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission. The bid, which values Henderson at £84.6 million, received the backing of the Henderson board last month after it had rejected a rival £78.6 million offer from the Newman Tonks Group, which has lapsed.

Swap plan at paint makers

Evode Group, the adhesives maker, and Manders (Holdings), the paints and printing inks group, are exchanging subsidiaries. Evode is buying Manders' powder coatings business for £3.5 million cash and Manders is buying Evode's liquid industrial paint operations for £850,000. Evode's position as Britain's leader in powder coatings will be enhanced and Manders will be able to improve its industrial paints.

STOCK MARKET

Prices show some resilience in spite of trade gloom

Another batch of gloomy trade figures with a £720 million current account deficit yesterday set the seal on what has, so far, been a drab first leg to the long three-week Easter account.

But after Thursday's £10 billion shakeout, share prices were able to show some resilience at the lower levels and managed to close above their worst.

Chartists now claim that the next resistance level for the FT-SE 100 index is 1,750 and this certainly seemed to have been the case yesterday. The indicator touched 1,759.4 at its low point before closing 14.8 down at 1,767.9. The narrower FT 30 share index lost 13.3 at 1,408.3 on turnover of just 412 million shares.

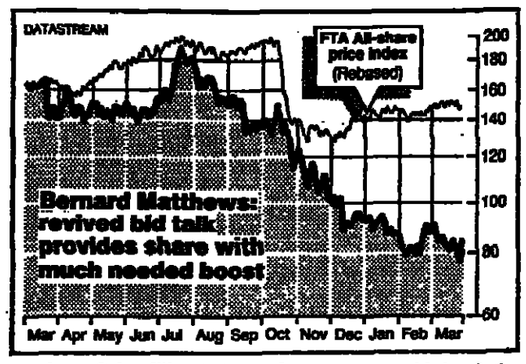
Many fund managers appear to have already written offthis account. The Easter holidays are bound to take their toll next week and there is unlikely to be much buying ahead of the new financial year on April 6.

This is also the last account that investors can sell stock to raise funds to take up the last call on their British Gas shares.

Government securities ended the session with losses stretching to £½ in thin trading and the pound showed signs of running out of steam.

Just a couple of days after announcing a £1 million drop in pretax profits to £14.1 million for the year to January 3, **Bernard Matthews**, the Norfolk turkey and red meat producer, saw its shares bounce back with a rise of 9p to 86p. The move coincided with an announcement that the company was buying back its own equity.

But dealers claim that the group's poor performance has left it vulnerable to an unwanted bid. The share price has been in steady decline since last year after touching a peak of 160p. Analysts are forecasting another downturn in profits for the current year to about £13 million before recovering next year to the £15 million level.



This latest setback was blamed on poor weather in the first half and higher grain prices. Turkey meat sales showed slight growth but red meat sales were hit by increased competition.

Barclays de Zoete Wedd, the broker, reckons the outlook for the shares remains bleak and is urging clients to sell.

Elsewhere in the food sector, **Ranks Hovis McDougall** lost an early lead to finish 4p lower at 325p. The fall might have been worse. But dealers are still bracing themselves for a full bid from Goodman Fielder, the Australian group, which already owns a near 30 per cent stake.

Jaguar, the luxury car manufacturer, lost 4p to 281p after the group's 4,000 assembly workers balloted on strike action following calls by the management for increased productivity. The group wants to boost production from 48,000 cars to 56,000 cars a year as from April 6.

Mr Philip Ayton, analyst with BZW, the broker, pushed out a "sell" recommendation on the shares this week. He said the company needs to boost production to offset rising costs of research and development.

But Mr Ayton is concerned that Jaguar will be unable to achieve the increase in production. America accounts for about one-third of the group's output and the weak dollar has taken its toll of profits.

Jaguar's share price has now fallen 20p in the past few days which means Mr Ayton is on the verge of altering his recommendation from a "sell" to a "hold".

Pilkington, Britain's biggest glass manufacturer, resisted the downward pull, ending the day 2p firmer at 214p. But this time it was not bid speculation driving the price higher but news from America. Pittsburgh Plate Glass, the rival, turned in a bumper set of figures and announced strong demand for its products throughout the US. This should also be good news for Pilkington, whose US subsidiary, Lilly Owen Ford, already supplies glass to General Motors, the world's biggest car manufacturer.

But fading bid hopes left **Delta Group** 5p lower at 284p. Despite this the market is convinced that someone has been building up a holding in the company and that the long-awaited bid will emerge. This has been underlined by the heavy turnover seen in the shares in recent weeks.

Full-year figures from Dean & Bowes, the USM-listed pub design and refurbishment group, made pleasant reading, showing pretax profits up from £569,000 to £928,000. Mr Stephen Dean, chairman, says business is booming. The group should be capable of £1.5 million this time round and a full listing.

RTZ remains the strongest contender to make a move. It recently bought MK Electric and sold its cement interests. It also owns a sizeable stake in Enterprise Oil jointly with Lasmo which could be worth up to £400 million.

Brokers say RTZ appears to be moving increasingly into engineering and a bid for Delta would make sense. It would dovetail nicely into MK.

Insurance shares made a firm start but failed to hold on to their best levels as the market took account of the trade figures. **Prudential Corporation** led the way higher with a rise of 6p to 851p and there were small gains for **Legal & General**, up 2p to 271p, and **Pearl Assurance**, up 1p to 425p. But losses were seen in **Abbey Life**, down 1p to 250p, **Britannic**, down 5p to £10.65, **London and Manchester**, down 8p to 257p, and **Sun Life**, down 12p to £10.73.

The clearing banks were overshadowed by fears of a possible rights issue next week from Standard Chartered, the international banking group, along with its figures. The new management appears determined to halt the group's decline and the prospect of a cut in the dividend cannot be ruled out. Most analysts had been looking for a pretax loss of about £150 million but this has since been stretched to £400 million.

National Westminster Bank firmed 1p to 561p, but falls were recorded in **Lloyds Bank**, down 5p to 268p, **Barclays Bank**, down 9p to 475p, and **Midland Bank**, down 9p to 391p. **Royal Bank of Scotland**, which plans to buy an American bank, continued to lose ground closing 7p lower at 340p.

Michael Clark

Keswick steps aside with record profits

From Stephen Leather
Hong Kong

Mr Simon Keswick, chief of Jardine Matheson, yesterday announced a 64 per cent increase in after-tax profits to a record HK$784 million (£56 million) for 1987, and revealed that he planned to take a back seat in the running of the group.

After the annual meeting in June, Mr Keswick wants to spend more time in Britain, so he will hand over the day-to-day running of Jardine Matheson and its sister companies to his second-in-command, Mr Brian Powers, an American lawyer.

Mr Keswick, aged 45, will become non-executive chairman of Jardine Matheson, Jardine Strategic Holdings, the investment group, Dairy Farm, the retailing group, and Mandarin Oriental, the luxury hotel chain.

Mr Powers will replace Mr Keswick as chairman of the Crown Colony's biggest landlord, Hong Kong Land.

"I'm sad to be leaving, but I have three children being educated in England and I have been here for 25 years," said Mr Keswick.

He said the results marked the group's full recovery from the depressed years of the early 1980s, when Jardine was struggling to recover from a property crash caused by fears over the Crown Colony's future after it is handed back to China in 1997. Profits in 1984 were just HK$80 million.

The figures for 1987 were lifted by an extraordinary gain of $278 million, largely attributable to the share of Hong Kong Land's sales of its land bank and two prime non-core office blocks on Hong Kong Island. Profits were also helped by increased contributions from Dairy Farm and Mandarin Oriental.

"With the exception of engineering and construction, where Gammon continued to be adversely affected by difficult market conditions, the company's core businesses all performed well in 1987," said Mr Keswick.



Simon Keswick: sad to leave

Even though Mr Keswick is moving back to Britain, control of the Jardine group will still be very much in the hands of his family. Little happens without the approval of Mr Keswick, his elder brother Henry, Mr Rodney Leach, their long-time adviser, and Mr Powers.

Mr Powers, a New Yorker, was appointed Jardine's first non-British chief executive last June. He masterminded the hiving off of Dairy Farm and Mandarin Oriental into separately listed companies, and the formation of Jardine Strategic Holdings as the cornerstone of the Keswick empire.

The investment firm — domiciled, like most of the Keswick companies, in Bermuda — holds strategic stakes in the individual companies, making predatory takeovers difficult.

Jardine is sitting on cash and credit lines totalling HK$3.6 billion, which has been earmarked for expansion. "Our whole view on acquisition is one of great caution. We have nothing in particular we are looking at," said Mr Keswick.

He was confident of the future. "The financing strategies of the past four years have put all our group companies into a strong position to exploit new growth opportunities."

The firm is to pay a final dividend of 35 cents a share, making a total 47.5 cents, up 64 per cent. The shares closed at HK$11.50, down 30 cents in a weak market.

LONDON TRADED OPTIONS

	Calls Series	Apr	Jul	Oct	Puts Apr	Jul	Oct
Allid Lyon...	330	42	50	57	3	9	12
('365)	360	20	30	40	9	23	25
	390	7	15	23	30	38	42
Bass...	750	97	113	133	3	9	15
('841)	800	53	77	103	10	30	32
	850	22	50	72	27	50	57
Brit Air...	160	28	30	-	1	5½	10
('166)	180	12	15	20	6	13	18
	200	2	7	13	17	23	28
Brit Corn...	280	17	27	37	6	17	18
('287)	300	10	17	27	18	27	30
	330	2	9	17	45	47	52
Brit Gas...	130	7¼	11½	16½	2½	7½	10½
('135)	140	3	6	11½	7½	11½	15½
	160	½	4	5½	27	28	30
BP...	270	27	43	57	2	7	12
('266)	260	11	24	30	7	13	19
	280	4	14	21	19	25	30
Bristol...	420	102	-	-	1	2	2
('508)	460	60	82	70	2	3	6
	500	20	30	40	2½	10	20
Cons Gold...	650	85	135	160	22	53	75
('909)	900	53	110	135	53	80	95
	950	37	80	110	85	110	125
Courtauld...	300	31	40	46	5	14	20
('325)	330	9	22	30	15	30	35
	360	2½	13	20	40	53	55
	390	1	7	-	70	75	-
Cons Union...	300	27	42	47	5	11	15
('324)	330	10	25	32	15	25	30
	360	4	13	20	40	45	50
C & W...	330	18	25	35	13	25	30
('326)	360	14	17	25	37	45	52
	390	1½	7	14	67	72	77
GEC...	140	11	18	21	3½	6½	10
('146)	160	1½	8	10	15	17	22
	180	1	2½	4½	35	36	35
GKN...	280	28	40	44	4	12	16
('306)	300	12	27	34	12	19	25
	330	2	15	20	32	40	42
	360	1	5	-	60	64	-
Grand Met...	420	62	78	87	1	10	14
('479)	460	28	50	62	11	22	30
	500	7	27	40	32	40	47
	550	3	10	23	73	75	80
ICI...	950	85	130	-	6	25	-
('1023)	1000	45	92	110	23	45	65
	1050	21	60	70	50	70	-
Jaguar...	300	5½	22	27	25	32	40
('281)	330	2	10	16	53	55	60
	360	1	5	11	82	85	88
Land Sec...	460	65	72	85	3	12	23
('522)	500	30	45	63	10	27	38
	550	7	23	35	35	52	63
M & S...	160	15	19	22	2½	-	10
('172)	180	3	9	15	12	17	21
	200	1	4	10	31	35	36
R-Royce...	120	5½	11	15	8½	13	15
('121)	130	2	6	11	17	19	21
	140	1	4	8	25	28	28
STC...	220	21	32	36	2	9	13
('236)	240	8	18	26	10	23	23
	260	2	11	17	25	33	35
Sainsbury...	220	15	22	27	4	7	10
('233)	240	4	11	16	12	18	19
	260	1	5	9	30	32	34
Shell...	1000	57	100	117	13	30	47
('1046)	1050	27	67	-	32	52	-
	1100	12	45	65	70	82	95
Stanshaw...	200	12	25	25	5	15	20
('224)	240	6	15	23	18	27	32
	280	2	8	15	40	43	47
	290	1½	4	-	60	60	-
Tarmac...	300	28	35	46	5	12	18
('324)	330	12	20	30	17	25	36
	360	3	10	20	40	48	58
TSB...	100	11	14	17	1½	-	6
('108)	110	4	8	11	5	8	10
	120	2	5	7	14	16	17
Woolworth...	260	25	35	42	2½	13	17
('218)	280	10	23	33	10	23	28
	300	4	15	22	25	37	40

	Calls Series	Jun	Sep	Dec	Puts Jun	Sep	Dec
Glaxo...	950	87	125	-	30	47	-
('1006)	1000	55	97	115	53	75	87
	1050	37	72	-	80	105	-
	1100	21	57	75	125	135	145
Hanson...	120	14	18	-	3	5½	-
('130)	130	7½	12	15½	6½	10	12
	140	3½	8	11	13	16	17½
Hawker...	160	C	3½	5½	31	32	33
('477)	480	32	50	58	27	37	40
	500	15	33	38	50	57	60
Lonhro...	550	7	18	23	90	95	100
('249)	220	37	42	-	5	7	-
	240	25	30	35	10½	-	16
	260	11	18	25	18	24	26
Midland...	280	6½	12	-	34	37	-
('391)	360	50	60	-	7	14	-
	390	30	40	52	16	27	37
	420	15	27	37	37	47	52
Sears...	120	14	18	-	5	7½	-
('130)	130	6	13	16	9	12	15
	140	4	8	11	16	19	21
Tesco...	140	22	27	-	4	6	-
('154)	160	9	15	20	15	17	20
	180	3	8	12	30	31	34
Thorn EMI...	500	107	120	-	5	12	-
('562)	550	67	87	100	12	27	30
	600	37	55	65	32	52	52
	650	17	30	40	70	77	82
TNF...	220	25	30	38	8	11	13
('234)	240	13	20	25	16	20	24
	260	5	10	13	32	37	38
Unilever...	460	40	53	64	20	28	35
('469)	500	17	32	44	48	58	55
	550	6	17	-	88	90	-
Wellcome...	420	53	75	-	16	30	-
('451)	460	32	53	67	37	47	53
	500	16	37	50	82	72	78

	Series	May	Aug	Nov	May	Aug	Nov
BAA...	100	17	22	28	4	12	14
('113)	110	11	16	23	8	15	20
	120	5½	12	18	13	21	24
Brit Aero...	300	57	59	-	6	13	-
('355)	330	32	40	47	14	25	30
	360	14	25	33	30	37	46
	390	5	15	23	58	57	65
BAT Ind...	500	58	82	-	7	15	-
('438)	420	30	42	53	20	28	35
	460	10	23	35	43	50	55
	500	4	12	22	80	83	85
Brit Tele...	220	31	36	45	1½	6	10
('248)	240	15	22	29	5½	14	16
	260	6	13	18	16	25	27
Cadbury...	240	35	39	44	6	12	15
('259)	260	15	24	32	17	20	25
	280	7	16	24	24	31	36
Guinness...	260	40	-	52	3	-	13
('299)	280	23	-	42	9	-	22
	300	12	-	32	18	-	32
Ladbroke...	300	105	110	-	1	3	-
('399)	330	75	80	90	3	7	10
	360	55	58	65	5	12	20
LASMO...	280	59	68	76	4	11	15
('334)	300	40	52	65	9	17	26
	330	21	35	47	24	30	40
Pilkington...	200	22	28	38	8	13	20
('213)	220	11	18	23	17	28	30
	240	5	11	17	35	40	45
	260	2	-	-	50	55	-
Plessey...	140	22	30	37	3½	6	10
('159)	160	13	18	28	11	18	22
	180	7	11	16	24	29	32
P & O...	500	95	100	107	4	10	15
('562)	550	47	65	77	18	23	35
	600	18	40	47	42	47	57
Prudential...	800	55	75	93	52	80	95
('859)	850	25	53	68	92	110	115
	900	10	32	45	90	90	105
Racal...	200	28	34	41	5	8	12
('222)	220	15	23	30	10	19	20
	240	7	14	20	23	30	33
RTZ...	300	65	80	-	6	12	-
('355)	330	43	55	65	11	18	25
	360	27	35	45	23	31	35
	380	18	-	-	37	-	-
Vaal Reefs...	90	12	18	22	5	12	15
('393)	100	7½	13	15	13	18	20
	110	4½	9	-	22	27	-
Tr 12%...	110	3⁹⁄₁₆	3⅞	3¹⁵⁄₁₆	¹⁵⁄₁₆	¹⁵⁄₁₆	1½
1988	112	1⅝	2¹⁄₁₆	2¾	1¹⁵⁄₁₆	1¹⁵⁄₁₆	2¹⁵⁄₁₆
('113)	114	1¹⁵⁄₁₆	1¹⁵⁄₁₆	2	1¹⁵⁄₁₆	2¼	3¼
	116	¹⁵⁄₁₆	1¹⁵⁄₁₆	2¹⁵⁄₁₆	3¼	4¹⁵⁄₁₆	4¾
Tr 11¾%...	114	5⅝	-	-	¹⁵⁄₁₆	-	-
03/07	116	3⅜	-	-	¾	-	-
('119)	118	2¹⁵⁄₁₆	-	-	1¹⁵⁄₁₆	-	-
	120	1½	-	-	2⅝	-	-
	122	¹⁵⁄₁₆	-	-	3⅝	-	-

FT-SE INDEX ('1770)

Series	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
1600	170	180	—	—	2	15	—	—
1650	120	136	165	172	3½	23	37	42
1700	73	95	112	140	7	38	47	60
1750	39	62	85	107	17	63	73	86
1800	7	37	55	75	45	90	105	125
1850	2	21	38	55	95	118	130	155
1900	½	10	25	43	153	165	170	187

March 25, 1988 Total: 38541 Calls 20747 Puts 17794 FT-SE: Calls 1845 Puts 5166
*Underlying security price.

RECENT ISSUES

EQUITIES

AMI Healthcare (215p)	259 –2
Archer (AJ) (130p)	165
Assoc Nursing	146 –1
Aukett Ass (95p)	102 –1
Berry Star	163
Brit Pet P/P	73 –1½
Carron Phoenix (120p)	160 –1
Copymore (130p)	130
GWR Gp	345 –10
Hatfield Est (100p)	128
Hughes (HT)	75 –3
ISA Intl (80p)	111 –5
Inshops (52p)	71 +1
Lon Forfaiting (160p)	155 –2
Nestor-BNA (75p)	93 –1
Norfolk House (100p)	106 –2
Paton	122
River&Merc Am Inc	101 –1
Selective Ass	75
Shaftsbury (180p)	153
Shanks McEwan (650p)	820
Shorco	128 +4
TGI (130p)	126 –1
TIP Europe	148
Triton Hldgs (80p)	82
Transrap Hldgs (50p)	61
UK Paper (135p)	143 –2
Vosper Thorny (160p)	178 –2

RIGHTS ISSUES

Banro N/P	16
Charterhall N/P	9½ –1
Hanlons N/P	27 –2
Jackson Ex N/P	1 –½
Leisure N/P	6 –2
Mining & Ald N/P	5
Oakwood N/P	370 +10
Shandwick N/P	55 –5
Sumrie N/P	10

(Issue price in brackets).

NEW YORK

Dow hesitant on mild early selling

(Reuter) — Wall Street share prices edged lower after a hesitant, little changed opening yesterday.

Selling was mild compared with the steep selloff on Thursday on a fall in the dollar against the yen. The dollar improved in early deals, but concern persisted about interest rates.

The Dow Jones industrial average of 30 shares was down 1.49 to 2,022.38 at one stage when the transport indicator lost 1.04 to 877.69 and the utilities average slipped 0.41 to 174.02.

Declining issues led advancing shares by five to three. Trading was moderate.

Gillette jumped 4 to 48 and Philip Morris slipped ¾ to 90¾. The companies declined comment on rumours that Philip Morris was preparing a bid for Gillette.

Hong Kong (Reuter) — Shares closed weak yesterday but were off their lows, after a day overshadowed by Thursday's sharp drop on Wall Street, brokers said.

The Hang Seng index ended down 44.47 points, or 1.7 per cent, at 2,501.93 after losing more than 60 points

Brokers also attributed the fall to speculation that local banks may decide to raise interest rates by 0.5 to 0.75 percentage points

Jardine Matheson reported a 64 per cent jump in 1987 net profits to HK$784 million (£54.8 million). The shares finished 30 cents lower at HK$11.50.

SYDNEY

Shares hit by selling pressure

(Reuter) — Share prices closed sharply lower as selling pressure in all sectors wiped out the previous day's gains.

Brokers said early nervousness in the industrial sector, caused by a 44-point fall on Wall Street on Thursday, spread to the other boards.

"There's no way this market can hold up if either London or New York is down," one broker said.

"If they are in any way as weak as they were last night we will have a very nervous market on Monday."

The All-Ordinaries index fell 25.7 points to close at 1,424.5 while the All-Industrials index fell 45.4 points to 2,281.1 and the All-Resources dropped 11.3 to 776.2.

The gold index slipped 7.9 to 1,802.1.

National turnover was 171.76 million shares worth Aus$311.33 million and falls outnumbered rises by three to two.

TOKYO

Nikkei down 154 on weaker dollar

(Reuter) — Share prices closed lower yesterday after Wall Street's 44-point tumble on Thursday and the weakening in the dollar, brokers said.

"It is not very clear what will happen to the yen or the New York market," said Mr Takeshi Murakami, of Schroder Securities. "But I don't think today's market shows a bearish trend. It is an end of the fiscal year phenomenon."

The Nikkei index lost 154.57 points, or 0.6 per cent, to 25,626.71. It had shed 113.95 points on Thursday. Falls led rises seven to two, in turnover of 700 million shares against 800 million.

Securities house, communications, bank, non-life insurance, gas, electrical, rubber, credit/lease, airline, railway, bus, real estate and precision instrument shares declined. Pharmaceutical, retail and mining issues rose.

Wall Street's plunge to its lowest level since February 26 and the dollar opening at Y125.6 deterred investors enough to spur a 266-point drop in the index in early trade.

However, optimism toward the market in the next month helped it climb back more than 100 points by the midday close.

A lack of activity was anticipated due to the last full day of the trading period yesterday, as well as the approaching fiscal year-end on March 31, brokers said. Volume was the lowest full-day turnover since February 18.

While 700 million shares is substantial turnover, there has definitely been a slowdown compared with the daily average of more than 1 billion shares for the past month, brokers said. But the market mood remains strong as investors look towards the beginning of trade for April settlement on Monday.

FRANKFURT

Prices fall in nervous trading

(Reuter) — German share prices closed sharply lower as large losses in New York and other centres added to local worries, dealers said.

While some domestic and foreign investors took advantage of the fall to buy shares cheaply, so that most shares ended slightly above their lows, dealers said there was no sign of a recovery.

"People are uncertain, everyone is frightened."

The Commerzbank 60-share index, calculated at mid-session, fell 44.8 points or 3.1 per cent to 1,379.9.

German shares had shown signs of unsteadiness earlier in the week. Initial optimism on Thursday, generated by record pretax profits in 1987 and a confident outlook for 1988 from Bayer, the chemicals group, was shattered by a warning from Siemens that pressure on earnings would increase this year.

BHP profits hit by restructuring

Melbourne (Reuter) — The Broken Hill Proprietary Company (BHP) said it expects its fourth quarter profit to fall because of its multi-billion dollar restructuring.

Even though the profit is forecast to fall in absolute terms, earnings per share will later rise with the cancellation of 300 million BHP shares under arrangements agreed last month with Bell Resources and Elders IXL.

BHP reported a 16 per cent rise in net profit for the three-quarters ended February 29, to Aus$699 million (£281.85 million) from Aus$603 million a year earlier. Sales rose 12 per cent to Aus$7.30 billion.

BHP said strong revenues from oil, including the first contributions from the 50.8 per cent owned Hamilton Oil Corporation of the US, and strong metals growth were eroded by poorer-than-expected steel performance.

The restructuring, under which BHP has bought 20 per cent of its issued capital from Bell for Aus$2.1 billion and taken part-ownership of 19 per cent from Elders, did not affect the first three-quarters results, BHP said.

BHP said directors expected to call an extraordinary meeting in BHP's new financial year to cancel the 300 million shares — so reducing issued capital to 1.27 billion shares.

The company said it had sold almost a third of its 61 per cent stake in Rheem Australia, the steel and plastic goods maker, to SA Brewing Holdings for Aus$105 million.

BHP said SA Brewing intended to make a takeover bid for the balance of Rheem on the same terms of Aus$2.65 a share and Aus$3.80 per option. Email this week said it would offer Aus$2.35 a share for Rheem.

Opec in confusion over meeting date

By Rodney Hobson

The proposed meeting of the price committee of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (Opec) is already in trouble and the date of the meeting has not yet been decided.

Mr Ginandjar Kartasasmita, the Indonesian energy minister, said the meeting would be on April 6-7 in Vienna to review strategy after recent falls in the spot price of crude.

But this is not so, according to the Opec secretariat in Vienna. The Opec ministers have yet to decide on the date of the meeting. Mr James Audu, a spokesman for Opec, said: "They are still talking about a possible date."

The decision has to be made by the five ministers who sit on the panel. The panel comprises Saudi Arabia, Indonesia, Algeria, Venezuela and Nigeria and can call a full meeting of Opec.

Saudi Arabia has asked for the committee to meet immediately, while Mr Rilwanu Lukman, the president of Opec, said it would convene in the first week of April, but officials said the meeting could not be held until after the April 1-4 Easter holiday.

Mr Ginandjar said in Jakarta that any decision on production and prices would be based on a review of audited production of Opec members for the first quarter of 1988.

News of the meeting has helped spot prices recover. The committee is empowered to call an emergency meeting of the 13-member cartel.

Mr Ginandjar said he did not see the need for a new Opec pricing or production formula. The main constraint now facing Opec is production coming on stream from new non-Opec suppliers.

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AMR Cp	42¾	44¾	Fedders	9¼	9¾	Pennzoil	74½	75¾
ASA	45¾	47	Firestone	78⅜	78⅛	Pepsico	34⅞	35
Astral Life	44¼	44¾	Fst Chicago	25½	25⅝	Pfizer	54⅜	55⅛
Allied Signal	32	33⅛	Fst Int Bncp	45½	45⅝	Phelps Dod	44	43⅝
Allis Chin	1⅜	1¼	Fst Penn C	10¾	10⅝	Philip Mor	91½	93
Alcoa	42⅝	44¼	FT Washns	35⅝	36⅝	Phillip Pet	17	17⅜
Amax Inc	19⅝	20¼	Ford Motor	43¾	43¾	Polaroid	31⅛	32⅜
AMR Hess	30	30⅝	GAF Cp	53¾	54⅜	Primerica	31¼	31½
Am Brands	44¾	44⅛	GTE Cp	37⅞	38	Proct Gble	79⅝	80⅜
Am Cynmd	49⅝	51	Gen Cp	19⅜	20	Pub S E G	23⅛	23½
Am Ele Pwr	27½	28	Gn Dynam	56¼	57⅜	R Nabisco	49¾	51¼
Amexs	25¼	26	Gen Electric	41¾	42⅛	Raytheon	68⅝	69¾
Am Family	15½	16¼	Gen Inst	31¼	33⅜	Rynlds Metl	43½	45
Am Home	80⅝	82	Gen Mills	48¼	49¼	Rockwell Int	20¼	20⅝
Am Int Grp	55⅝	57¼	Gen Motors	71	72⅜	Royal Dutch	119¼	121½
Am Stand	75⅞	76¼	Gen Pub Ut	31¾	32¼	SFE Sopac	17⅜	17⅜
Am Telph	27⅞	28¼	Genesco	4¾	4⅝	San Lee	40⅜	41⅜
Amoco Cp	74½	75⅝	Georgia Pac	39	37¾	Schlumb	34¾	35½
Anheusr B	30⅜	31¼	Gillette	43¾	43¾	Scott Paper	38⅜	39⅝
Armco Steel	11¼	11⅜	Goodrich	49⅝	51¼	Seag

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Systems Designers in £72m rights issue to buy Scicon



SD:Scicon eighth in the world: Philip Swinstead (left) and Warren Werblow, yesterday

By Alison Eadie

Systems Designers, the computer software company, is calling on shareholders for £72 million in a three-for-four rights issue to fund the £82.5 million acquisition of Scicon Group, the software subsidiary of British Petroleum.

The enlarged company will be called SD-Scicon and will rank as the eighth largest systems integration software company in the world and the second largest European company after the French-based CAP Gemini Sogeti.

British Aerospace and its pension fund are taking up their full allocation of shares to maintain their holding at 25 per cent. BAe has agreed not to sell its shares for two years, nor raise its stake above 29.9 per cent.

Systems, whose chairman is Mr Philip Swinstead, also posted a 64 per cent increase in pretax profits to £7.4 million in the year to the end of December on turnover 25 per cent higher at £77.1 million. The total dividend was raised to 0.65p from 0.55p.

Scicon, with Mr Warren Werblow as chief executive, is Britain's largest software company. It has traded at a loss in the past three years because it took on large, but unprofitable contracts in order for the business to grow quickly. In 1987 it made a trading loss of £10,135 after providing £11,600 against losses on contracts.

BP has taken over responsibility for the largest such project and provisions have been made in the 1987 accounts to cover all other predicted cost over-runs.

Systems has ambitions to become a world leader and expects to be making further large acquisitions, although not for at least two years. It plans to sell off Scicon's American operations with the civil software division likely to be disposed off this year and the defence consultancy and vehicle emission testing service business later.

Systems said there was very little overlap between its business and Scicon.

Crisis talks on Gatt chip ban

By Colin Narbrough

Japanese and American officials got down to urgent talks in Washington yesterday to find ways round a ruling by the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade that their bilateral accord on microchips is illegal.

Japan was also expected to initiate early talks on the microchip issue with the European Economic Community, which regards the 1986 Semiconductor Trade Agreement as a flagrant case of price-fixing between two of its major trading partners.

The British Government indicated that it warmly welcomed the Gatt ruling as a move towards a freer world market in memory chips.

The ruling, made by a special disputes panel, came in response to a complaint from the European Commission made soon after the accord was struck between Tokyo and Washington, ostensibly as a means of preventing Japanese producers from dumping.

Mr Willy de Clercq, the EEC External Relations Commissioner, who regards the pact as a threat to European competitiveness in vital new areas of technology, expects the ruling to be given full Gatt backing on May 4.

While ruling that the accord violated parts of Gatt's free trade rules by agreeing to keep prices high on third markets, the panel did not uphold Brussels' complaint that US-produced microchip exports to Japan had been afforded favoured treatment.

The ruling appears to tackle the question of Japanese price monitoring to third markets, intended to avoid low-price Japanese chips entering the US market.

Tokyo undertook in 1986 not only to improve access to its market for US chip-makers, but pledged to avoid selling below cost on the American market or in other markets where the two countries were in competition.

The recent world shortage of microchips has led to the US electronics industry increasing pressure on Washington for guarantees that chip supplies were not being restrained by the bilateral arrangement.

These shortages have been reflected in higher prices and importers in Europe and other regions have attributed this to the pact between the two.

The US, however, despite calls from segments of its own industry for a renegotiation of the accord, it unlikely to relinquish the right to prevent dumping.

Time the Government and Bank got their act together



KENNETH FLEET

Yesterday's trade figures, which far exceeded the City's worst estimates, have re-awakened fears about the balance of payments. Whether the current account deficit of £720 million will later be seen as in large part a clerical error does not matter. With Wall Street transfixed by the thought that history may repeat itself – as in the Great Crash the second wave of selling begins on the 159th day after the first deluge – the London market is in no mood for contrary thinking.

There are also confusing cross-currents, notably the swirls and eddies from the public clash between the Prime Minister and the Chancellor of the Exchequer over the sterling-mark exchange rate. With first Lord Young and then Sir Geoffrey Howe, ambitious men both, plunging into the muddy water, it is not surprising that simple City folk are perplexed.

If the balance of payments is on a fast downhill track, neither "expensive" intervention in the foreign exchange market nor lower interest rates will be needed to bring the pound down to a level exporters feel is tolerable. By the same token the lower interest rates that are not required to keep a soaring pound in check will not raise the tempo of consumer spending and the level of imports. In other words it would help if the Government and the Bank of England got their act together.

Having warned you here a week ago not to be seduced by the fanning of a *rising equity market I am not surprised* by Thursday's sharp reaction. These are tricky times in which the only certainties are that Britain's growth rate is slowing down, and the speed at which company profits have been accelerating will inevitably drop. Share prices have not yet adjusted to this changed prospect, but barring a second Wall Street bloodbath I suspect the next equilibrium level is not much further down. The question then will be: which is the best market to be in?

A golden age for private firms

Among 40 favoured industrialists dining at Downing Street this week, one is unique. He left school and home at 16, worked in Germany and the United States before setting up his own London Management Consultancy at the tender age of 22, and saw his first industrial venture shot from under him in 1975 "when the *bank lost its nerve.*"

He began again, managing an ailing subsidiary of the William Old Group, then losing £1 million on a turnover of £1 million. Four years later the *company made a profit of £700,000 on* a turnover of £10 million. At this point John Morris exercised his option to buy the other three-quarters of the company – for £800. As an entrepreneur he had come of age, coincidentally in the year Mrs Thatcher came into government.

By the commercially tender age of 41 he has taken the original business, Therm-A-Stor, into third place in the double-glazing industry; built System Glass in five years from nothing into a company making more safety glass than Pilkingtons; and acquired the thriving Best Plastics. The Thermal Securities group has a turnover of £40 million and confesses conservatively to a £3 million operating profit. Searching for a model of the enterprise culture the Prime Minister had to look no further than John Morris, who in addition to building a business had also passed the union virility test: he fought the Transport & General Workers Union up to the House of Lords – and won. "I *suppose I must be Mrs T's favourite* double-glazing manufacturer if nothing else," he chuckled.

The Morris view of Thatcher, not surprisingly, is equally favourable. "I worked in the US and Germany at my most impressionable; when I came back here at 22 and found it wasn't the same I couldn't believe it. Now it seems to me what I always thought it should have been 20 years ago. It is no longer a disgrace to make money or to be successful," though he does not think that the deep cultural antipathy to industry in this country has changed very much.

"Businessmen take themselves more seriously and they are prepared to resist being put down by all and sundry, but the rest of society cannot believe that people are in industry because it is interesting or challenging or something to take a pride in. We have a higher percentage of entrepreneurs who can build a business to a £2 million turnover than any country in the world, but one of the lowest percentages of entrepreneurs who go from a £2 million to a £25 million business. Bank managers (not one of his favourite species) tell you you are rich – go and buy a farm!"

Chancellors of the Exchequer have a higher rating, even though in 1984 Nigel Lawson hit Therm-A-Stor and the industry with 15 per cent VAT, and this month did the double by removing tax relief from home improvement loans.

"I am told," said Morris, "that I can pay myself bonuses and pay only 5 per cent tax. I personally would pay income tax at 40 per cent but the company would get relief to the tune of *35 per cent. So if you look at the* company and myself as an entity the cost of distribution from the company to me is 5 per cent. Which is better than Jersey. If such treatment brings a few dynamic people back from tax havens it must be good for all of us.

"It's not so much the money: a lot of this is sentiment. As the poem is an expression of love, not the love, the balance sheet is the commercial expression, it isn't the business. It's how people feel when they wake up in the *morning. They feel, yes I can go off and* have an early heart attack but it will be worthwhile because I will have sacrificed myself for a worthwhile goal!"

The *Chancellor's* beneficence does not stop at 5 per cent. John Morris continued: "The most tax-efficient way of distributing money from a private company was in capital gains. That certainly is not the case now. As a result of this Budget the value of all private companies has gone up, by at least 20 per cent, now that capital gains tax is the same as your marginal rate of income tax. In future you can take out say a million pounds at 40 per cent and still own the company."

If he had wanted to sell his company, or float in on the stock market, the pressures to do so are now sharply diminished. He is "not specifically driven by making the most money. I've got all the CDs I want." (And, he might have added, the Lutyens house, the ocean racing yacht, the leather-upholstered, twin-engined Italian helicopter and the gleaming Bentley.) He has his sights on making Thermal Securities a £100 million business but *he would* also like, "at some time, to get involved in a bigger operation." Head hunters take note.

Warning over profits by Macallan

Macallan Glenlivet, the Scottish whisky distiller, made pretax profits in the year to the end of December of £1.6 million against £1.1 million in the previous year. Turnover rose to £7.6 million from £6.4 million.

The company gave a warning that the costs of developing new markets and the increased need to lay down stocks for future sales will continue to restrain profits growth in the medium term.

The total dividend was raised to 4.42p from 3.84p.

Sid 'has no thought of selling Gas shares'

By Rodney Hobson

Sid, the man-in-the-street shareholder created by the *British Gas advertising campaign* during privatization, cares enough about his shares to follow their daily progress, but is a little more forgetful about paying the instalments on his shares.

While notices went out this week to remind shareholders that the third and final instalment is due, the Department of Energy conducted market research to test Sid's attitude to his new status as an investor.

The vast majority – 83 per cent – claim they are satisfied with their investment and only 6 per cent were dissatisfied. Indeed, the thought of selling had never even crossed the mind of nine out of 10

One in three claims to check the British Gas share price every day. But one in three had also forgotten that there was a third instalment to pay.

For those who still have not heard, the final instalment of 40p a share is due by 3pm on April 19.

Campeau 'not raising Federated bid'

Washington (Reuter) – Federated Department Stores, involved in negotiations with RH Macy and Co on improving the terms and conditions of its takeover offer for Federated, last night said a Campeau Corporation statement had stipulated Campeau would not sweeten its rival bid for Federated.

The statement from Campeau Corporation, the Canadian group, sent to the Federated board on March 24, said: "Campeau is not increasing its price. It believes its price is already too high."

Federated quoted the statement in a filing with the US Securities and Exchange Commission.

"This does not mean that you can give Macy's a chance to jigger its bid, or take any other action with respect to Macy's without giving Campeau a fair opportunity to respond," the statement concluded, according to Federated.

Federated said the Campeau statement had been read verbatim to its board of directors.

Campeau is offering $82 a share for up to 70.5 million Federated common shares, with the remainder to be converted into $37 a share in a merger.

Macy is offering $77.30 a share for about 80 per cent of Federated's common stock, with the remainder being paid in the shares of a combined Macy-Federated entity.

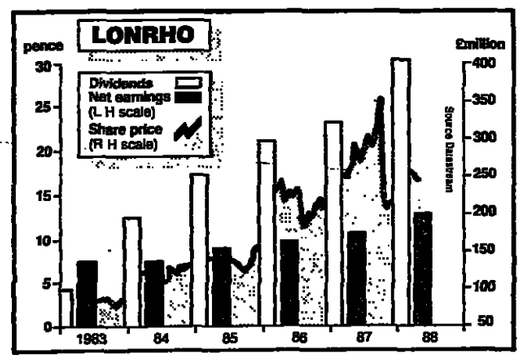
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Lonrho offers yield support – and entertainment value

If investment decisions were based solely on entertainment value, Lonrho would be an outstanding buy. Few groups can rival the stage-managed razzmatazz of a Lonrho annual meeting.

If decisions are to be based on yield considerations, then Lonrho's offering of an historic 7 per cent and a prospective 7.5 per cent yield has merit.

But if earnings potential is the criterion, the shares have question marks over them – at least until there is firmer evidence of how 1988 is progressing.



Profits in the year ended September 30 passed the £200 million level after stronger performances by mining and refinery, motor and equipment distribution and by the agriculture interests. But that was last year, and it is the uncertain paths of these particular divisions which beg the question as to how much progress can be made in 1988.

Given its diverse product and geographical spread, currencies and commodity prices will always dog earnings calculations, and because mining formed such a significant part of last year's £200.2 million pretax profit by bringing in £59.1 million, there is investment concern about recent softer metal prices.

It is, however, worth remembering that by-products of its platinum mines could come to Lonrho's rescue this year. Soaring nickel prices and stronger copper prices could well bring its already low costs in mining platinum group metals even lower. And Lonrho is blessed with growing gold interests.

Last year, Lonrho's gold output reached 442,000 ounces. Even though the world gold price may be still looking tired, there is the prospect of a higher attributable production to Lonrho's name.

The $160 million expansion programme over the next five years to raise Ashanti's production in Ghana by 50 per cent is well under way. The Erfdeel mine in South Africa, where Lonrho has a 36 per cent stake in association with Anglo-American Corporation, has started small-scale production and is eventually aiming for 400,000 ounces a year.

There could be negatives from motoring and agriculture interests this year, and tougher manufacturing and trading conditions in Africa could knock sentiment. But for the moment, the yield suggests a hold.

Acre Oil

All has gone quiet at 90 Long Acre, in the West End of London, where both Acre Oil – destined to be Britain's third-biggest independent oil company after Enterprise and Lasmo – and Carless, Capel & Leonard have their headquarters, separated only by a few floors.

Acre, the new independent being created from Calor Group's Century Power & Light and SHV's Dyas, is still in danger of having its April 13 stock market launch marred by legal action from Carless.

Carless's chief executive, Ian Clubb, is aggrieved that he is not being offered Acre shares in exchange for his 41.2 per cent interest in Century as the original terms of the spin-off implied. Then he could have taken his chance in the market, selling or buying more, or even accepting SHV's 165p a share offer.

But instead of a renamed Century becoming the quoted vehicle, it is intended that Acre will be floated as a new holding company which will own Century. Century in turn will take over Dyas, the Dutch group SHV's oil and gas division.

Carless, therefore, will end up with a much-diluted interest in an unquoted subsidiary of Acre. An independent assessment by ERC, the energy consultant, values Century at £114.7 million and Dyas at £185.2 million (after adjusting for debt). On this basis, Carless's interest in Century will be diluted to 15.7 per cent, valued at £47 million.

Carless has been offered cash, but the amount is based on the ERC valuation with which Mr Clubb is not in full agreement. In particular, he believes Century's exploration acreage is worth a lot more than ERC's attributed £6.1 million, and he disputes the use of a 15 per cent nominal discount factor to arrive at the present value of future money flows from oil and gas production.

Tricentrol and Britoil, which also employed ERC as a consultant in their takeover defences, used a 12 per cent factor, which yields a higher asset value.

Adjusting for the Carless minority, Acre is worth £253 million, or 150p a share. Yet SHV, one of the architects of the deal, is prepared to offer 165p a share to underpin the float.

SHV, therefore, clearly believes the Acre shares are worth more than ERC's asset value. And Calor shareholders, who will receive Acre shares in proportion to their Calor holdings, are underwritten at 165p. So it is hard to blame Mr Clubb for holding out for more too, and he will be working hard for a negotiated settlement over the three weeks leading up to the flotation.

Equities

As the market drifts ruddderless, investors are beginning to look at some of the longer-term pointers which are likely to influence the direction of the equity market.

Institutional cashflows are not decisive, because of the element of discretion in how the cash is deployed, but they are important. Last year institutional cashflows were reasonably buoyant at about £23.4 billion.

But the autumn timing of pension fund holidays coincided with significant government privatization calls, culminating in the disastrous BP sell-off.

This is not to argue that a shortage of funds caused last October's crash, but it will have undermined institutions' ability to underpin the market.

This year, Phillips & Drew is predicting a modest rise in institutional cashflows to £23.6 billion. However, with Kuwait shouldering the bulk of the £2.26 billion BP burden, privatization-related cash calls drop to £3 billion compared with £7 billion last year.

An absence of gilt funding, combined with nervousness about equities means that institutional liquidity could rise by £5 billion from £16.5 billion at the end of 1987 to £21.5 billion at the end of 1988.

Thus, institutional liquidity could reach 91 per cent of the year's cash inflow. At these levels – the last time it was as high as this was in 1974 – many institutions will want to start running down their cash balances.

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Balanced	410.6	435.2	-3.5	4.83
Amer Inc	84.4	89.3p	+0.1	5.64
World Ass Val	24.9	26.5	-0.1	1.35
Japan	135.4	144.2	-0.6	0.01
Far East Gth	182.5	193.7	-1.1	3.12
Asset Value	206.4	219.1	-1.2	3.22
Overseas Earn	169.2	211.2	-3.1	2.97
Recovery	96.5	102.3	-1.2	2.97
Fixed Int Sits	99.2	105.2p	-0.4	10.42
Smlr Co	170.2	180.4	-1.2	2.12
Capital	247.8	262.7c	-3.9	3.49
Amer Spec Sit	59.5	62.5p	+0.2	1.98
International	150.8	159.9c	-1.7	3.73
Growth & Inc	150.8	159.9c	-1.7	3.73
Euro Gth	17.8	19.0	+0.1	1.32
Pacific	223.5	237.1	-0.2	0.30
Med Smlr Co	169.2	203.5e	-1.6	1.81

BARCLAYS UNICORN
Unicorn House, 252, Romford Rd E7 Tel: 01-534 5544

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Capital	77.7	82.9e	-1.1	3.19
Euro Gth Inc	58.4	62.5	+0.2	1.75
Extra Income	93.5	99.6	-0.9	5.09
General	163.5	174.3e	-2.1	3.31
Gilt & Fixed Inc	53.7	58.6p	-0.1	9.34
Income	141.5	151.0	-0.7	4.39
Int Income	47.7	50.9	-0.2	4.39
Smlr Co Inc	37.4	39.9	-0.2	1.22

BARING FUND MANAGERS
PO Box 158, Beckenham, Kent BR3 4RQ
Tel: 01-658 3602

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
American EVS	53.4	55.5e	..	0.70
Australia	53.3	56.6	+0.7	0.00
Eastern	61.4	65.4p	-0.2	0.00
Equity Inc	66.1	72.2	-0.6	5.28
Europe	113.0	120.1	+1.0	0.00
Exempt Tst	57.3	60.7	..	3.50
Growth & Inc	72.8	77.2p	-0.5	2.10
Do Acc	113.3	120.2p	-1.2	2.10
Global Gth	38.9	42.4	-0.8	0.18
Japan Spec	143.8	148.7	-0.6	0.00
Japan Sm	148.8	158.7p	-1.2	0.00
First Europe	89.3	105.3	+0.4	1.10
First Japan	104.7	111.8p	+0.9	0.80
First N Amer	40.6	43.4	-0.1	1.70
First Smlr Co	89.3	94.7	-0.4	1.40
N Amer Spec	38.2	40.5	-0.1	0.30
UK Growth	69.2	73.0e	-0.1	5.09

BROWN SHIPLEY
Q-17, Hillsheath Rd, Haywards Heath Tst: 0444 458144

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Financial	153.9	163.1e	-1.6	1.72
Smlr Co Acc	288.8	314.4e	-3.6	0.62
Do Inc	128.6	139.9e	-0.4	0.84
High Income	78.2	82.9	-0.4	5.39
Income	93.2	98.8c	-0.7	5.28
Main Portfl Inc	84.3	89.4	-0.3	2.25
Do Acc	84.3	89.4	-0.1	2.29
Nth American	44.5	48.1	-0.1	0.00
Orient	94.1	100.6	-0.6	0.10
Exempt	268.8	282.3	-2.8	2.46
Recovery	61.0	64.7	-0.9	0.36
Gensec	203.7	217.7	-2.1	1.92
Int Recov	23.3	24.8	..	1.00
Europe	15.9	17.0e	-1.5	3.91
Conv General	23.8	25.2e	-0.7	7.00

BUCKMASTER MANAGEMENT
The Stock Exchange London EC2P 2JT
Tel: 01-588 2800 01 623 2345

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Energy Inc	81.1	85.7e	..	1.90
Fellowship Inc	81.9	85.7e	..	1.70
General Inc 4	259.5	275.4	-0.8	2.89
Do Acc 4	452.3	449.2	-0.9	2.89
Income Fd 3	94.3	100.1	-0.3	5.10
Do Acc 3	248.9	262.7	-1.6	5.10
Int Inc 2	108.6	113.1e	..	2.00
Do Acc 2	144.2	163.0e	..	2.00
Smlr Inc 5	94.3	99.8	+0.4	1.44
Do Acc	102.0	108.1	+0.5	1.44

CANNON FUND MANAGERS
1, Olympic Way, Wembley Middx HA9 0NB
Tel: 01-902 8876

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Growth	31.5	33.5c	-0.7	2.83
Income	40.2	42.8c	-0.8	4.43
Far East	27.1	28.8c	+0.1	0.22
Nth American	28.4	30.1c	-0.1	0.72
Global	43.7	46.5c	-0.9	1.74
European	38.5	41.0c	+0.2	1.30
Japan	86.4	90.8	..	0.01

CAPEL (JAMES) MANAGEMENT
PO Box 582 Winchester Hse, 77 London Wall, London EC2M 1DE Tel: 01-588 0808

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Capital	392.8	419.3c	-6.1	2.92
European S S	46.8	50.0	..	1.00
Far East S S	46.8	50.0	..	1.00
Gold Gen S S	46.8	50.0	..	1.00
Income	347.1	370.5e	-0.2	5.06
Int Sic Sts	46.8	50.0	..	1.50
Nth Amer	231.3	246.9c	-0.2	1.97

CENTRAL BOARD OF FINANCE OF CHURCH OF ENGLAND
2, Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ Tel: 01-588 1815

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Income	414.35	c	..	5.04
Acc	£12.7515		..	..
Deposit	100.0		..	8.40

CHASE MANHATTAN FUND MNGRS
Woolgate House, Coleman Street London EC2P 2HD Tel: 01-606 6622

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Man Retrmt	22.6	23.8e	-0.4	..
SC Special Sits	61.6	65.2	..	0.43

CLERICAL MEDICAL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Narrow Plain, Bristol BS2 0JH Tel: 0800 373000				
American	168	19.9c	-0.1	0.01
Asian Gth	21.5	22.8	-0.1	1.04
Dragon Gth	20.0	21.2	-0.1	1.77
Equity Hi Inc	56.5	59.8	-0.4	4.78
European Gth	30.6	32.4	+0.1	1.52
Gen Equity	48.1	50.9	-0.6	2.91
Gilt Interst Gth	33.0	34.8	-0.1	7.26
Gilt & Fixed Inc	29.5	28.9c	-0.1	8.80
Int Income Tst	22.4	23.8	+0.1	5.60
Japan Gth	45.1	47.8	-0.5	0.00
Pedigree Gth	28.8	30.5	-0.5	2.33
Special Sits	35.1	37.2	-0.4	2.07

COMMERCIAL UNION TRUST MANAGERS
St Helen's, 1, Undershaft, London EC3P 3DQ Tel: 01-283 7500 Dealing 01-986 9878

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
UK & Gen Inc	52.2	55.5	-1.1	3.52
Do Acc	53.5	56.9	-1.2	3.52
Income Inc	54.6	57.4e	-1.4	4.32
Do Acc	55.9	58.5e	-1.5	4.32
Worldwide Inc	42.5	45.2	-0.2	1.17
Do Acc	42.9	45.6	-0.2	1.17
Gemma Inc	34.0	36.2e	-0.2	0.89
Do Acc	34.2	36.4e	-0.2	0.89
Euro Gth	50.8	53.3c	-0.9	0.27
Far East	59.2	63.0c	-0.5	0.00
Gilt & Fxd Int	46.2	51.1	..	8.06
World Bond	46.6	49.3	..	6.06

CROWN UNIT TRUST SERVICES LTD
Crown House, Woking GU21 1XW Tel: 04862 5033

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Amer Tst	101.3	106.0	-0.2	0.93
Canadian Gth	18.4	20.7	+0.1	..
European Tst	67.0	72.6	+0.5	..
Growth Tst	257.9	271.4c	-2.1	3.12
High Income	313.4	334.3c	-4.3	4.88
Int Tech Tst	101.2	107.9	-0.6	..
Investment	26.0	27.7	-0.2	..
Japanese Tst	22.7	24.2	-0.1	..
Man Inc	23.7	27.4	-0.3	..

CRUSADER UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD
Regate, Surrey RH2 8BL Tel: 07373-45045

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
European Gth	48.5	52.2	+0.1	3.00
Euro Spec Sits	34.9	37.5	+0.1	1.30
International	45.7	49.2	+0.3	0.50
US Amer Gth	40.6	43.7	+0.1	1.00
Pacific Gth	53.1	57.2	..	4.80
UK Gth Acc	63.3	68.1e	-0.7	0.50
Do Dist	61.1	65.8e	-0.7	0.50
UK Income	57.2	61.6e	-0.5	4.60

CHASE MANHATTAN FUND MNGRS
Woolgate House, Coleman Street London EC2P 2HD Tel: 01-606 6622

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Man Retrmt	22.6	23.8e	-0.4	..
SC Special Sits	61.6	65.2	..	0.43

CLERICAL MEDICAL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Narrow Plain, Bristol BS2 0JH Tel: 0800 373000				
American	16.8	19.9c	-0.1	0.01
Asian Gth	21.5	22.8	-0.1	1.04
Dragon Gth	20.0	21.2	-0.1	1.77
Equity Hi Inc	56.5	59.8	-0.4	4.78
European Gth	30.6	32.4	+0.1	1.52
Gen Equity	48.1	50.9	-0.6	2.91
Gilt Interst Gth	33.0	34.8	-0.1	7.26
Gilt & Fixed Inc	29.5	28.9c	-0.1	8.80
Int Income Tst	22.4	23.8	+0.1	5.60
Japan Gth	45.1	47.8	-0.5	0.00
Pedigree Gth	28.8	30.5	-0.5	2.33
Special Sits	35.1	37.2	-0.4	2.07

COMMERCIAL UNION TRUST MANAGERS
St Helen's, 1, Undershaft, London EC3P 3DQ Tel: 01-283 7500 Dealing 01-986 9878

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
UK & Gen Inc	52.2	55.5	-1.1	3.52
Do Acc	53.5	56.9	-1.2	3.52
Income Inc	54.6	57.4e	-1.4	4.32
Do Acc	55.9	58.5e	-1.5	4.32
Worldwide Inc	42.5	45.2	-0.2	1.17
Do Acc	42.9	45.6	-0.2	1.17
Gemma Inc	34.0	36.2e	-0.2	0.89
Do Acc	34.2	36.4e	-0.2	0.89
Euro Gth	50.8	53.3c	-0.9	0.27
Far East	59.2	63.0c	-0.5	0.00
Gilt & Fxd Int	46.2	51.1	..	8.06
World Bond	46.6	49.3	..	6.06

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
UK Inc Fd	92.1	95.9e	-1.7	4.50
Far East Fd	95.8	91.4	-0.6	0.00
Overseas Inc	58.8	50.5	-0.2	4.87
Fxd Interest	69.6	68.8	-0.1	9.10
Natural Res Fd	55.0	58.6	+0.1	2.05
European Inc	53.1	57.5e	-0.2	2.45
Financials Fd	44.1	47.0e	-0.5	2.87
Int Tech Fd	100.6	107.1	-0.3	0.87

FS INVESTMENT MANAGERS
100, West George St, Glasgow G2 2PA Tel: 041-332 3132

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Balan Gth Acc	64.7	68.2c	-1.5	..
Do Inc	63.1	67.5e	-1.5	0.40
Hi Yield Acc	28.3	30.3c	-0.2	..
Do Inc	27.1	28.5c	-0.2	5.80
Inc Gth Acc	55.3	59.2	-0.6	..
Do Inc	49.2	52.7	-0.6	6.50
Serv Co Acc	65.2	69.8	-1.4	0.60
Do Inc	65.2	69.8	-1.4	..
Amer Gth Acc	21.7	23.2	-0.1	..
Do Inc	21.5	23.0	-0.1	1.00
Euro Gth Acc	15.7	16.7e	..	1.00
Do Inc	15.6	16.6e	..	1.00

FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVICES LTD
Oakhill House, Tadworth, Surrey KT20 5RU Tel: 0737 832111 Dealing 0737 814512

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
American	95.7	102.4	-0.3	1.20
Amer Eqty Inc	25.8	27.6	-0.1	5.18
Amer Spec Sit	44.9	48.1	+0.3	0.00
Australia	21.7	23.1	..	2.48
European	51.0	54.3	+0.1	..
European Inc	19.8	21.1p	..	4.60
Global Conv	22.5	24.0p	..	5.66
Far East Inc	37.1	39.5	..	2.80
Gt/Fxd Interest	30.1	30.4p	+0.2	9.60
Growth & Inc	116.4	122.6	-0.7	4.24
Japan Spec Sit	68.1	73.1	-0.2	..
Japan	161.2	172.5	-0.5	..
Managed Int	120.8	128.6e	+0.4	0.74
Inc Plus	102.3	109.5e	-0.2	4.79
Famous Names	40.7	43.5	-0.1	2.71
UK Aggr	38.3	41.0	-0.1	2.27
Spec Sit	248.6	263.8	-1.6	0.78
Eastern Oppo	21.4	22.8	..	..
Int Bond	94.0	98.6e	..	9.62
Recovery	28.0	30.0e	-0.1	2.48
Moneybuilder	24.3	25.9	+0.1	3.61

FRANKLINGTON UNIT MANAGEMENT
3, London Wall Bldgs, London Wall, London EC2M 5NQ Tel: 01-638 5181

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Amer/Gen Inc	163.2	172.2	-0.2	..
Do Acc	166.6	176.6	..	..
Amer Turn Inc	182.7	192.8	+1.4	1.09
Do Acc	189.6	200.0	+1.5	1.09
Capital Inc	268.6	283.4e	-1.8	2.30
Do Acc	332.9	351.3e	-2.4	2.30
Com/Gth Inc	103.9	109.6	..	3.44
Do Acc	104.3	110.1	-0.1	3.44
European Inc	53.8	56.7	+0.4	1.16
Do Acc	54.0	56.9	+0.4	1.16
Extra Inc Inc	232.2	245.0	-1.4	4.51
Do Acc	235.1	248.0	-1.4	4.51
Financial Acc	43.1	45.4	-0.1	0.53
Do Inc	42.9	45.2	-0.1	0.53
Income Tst	157.9	166.6	-1.6	4.22
Do Acc	174.4	184.0	-1.7	4.22
Int Growth Inc	142.6	150.3	-1.1	..
Do Acc	158.2	166.8	-0.9	..
Japan/Gen Inc	118.2	124.6	-1.0	..
Do Acc	119.4	125.9	-1.0	..
Monthly Inc Fd	120.1	126.7e	-0.5	4.40
PEP 87	59.1	..	-0.5	2.61
PEP 88	51.1	53.9	-0.4	3.13
Recovery	170.3	182.8	-1.1	1.16
Smaller Inc	191.0	201.5	-1.4	1.16
Man Int	94.4	97.4e	-0.2	3.07
	54.7	57.7e	-0.2	3.07

FRIENDS PROVIDENT MANAGERS
Castle Street, Dunmow, Herts SP1 3SH Tel: 0371 874333 Dealings 0372 41 6622

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Equity Dist	228.2	241.8	-2.6	2.61
Do Acc	392.6	416.1	-5.0	2.61
Euro Gth Dist	51.4	54.5	-0.3	0.92
Do Acc	51.8	54.9	-0.3	0.92
Fxd Interest Di	118.1	125.4	-0.2	8.56
Do Acc	146.5	155.7	-0.1	8.56
Int Gth Dist	51.8	54.7	-0.1	1.37
Do Acc	51.8	54.7	-0.1	1.37
Pac Basin Dist	177.0	187.7	-0.2	0.15
Do Acc	177.0	187.7	-0.2	0.15
Steward Dist	232.8	246.8	-1.5	0.79
Do Acc	244.0	258.6	-2.1	0.79
Steward Inc Di	99.1	59.4e	-0.4	9.37
Do Acc	99.1	59.4e	-0.4	9.37
N Am Steward Di	50.6	53.6	-0.3	1.56
Do Acc	50.6	53.6	-0.3	1.56

GT UNIT MANAGERS
6th Floor, 8, Devonshire Sq, London EC2M 4YJ Tel: 01-623 2876 Dealing 01-626 6398

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Amer Spec Sit	55.3	58.9c	..	0.80
UK Cap Inc	126.5	134.6	-2.0	2.60
Do Acc	167.0	189.0	-3.0	2.60
Do Spec Sits	94.0	100.0	-1.5	0.10
Income Fd	94.4	100.5e	-1.5	5.10
International	144.6	153.9e	-0.8	0.50
US & General	44.2	47.1	-0.2	1.30
Japan & Gen	277.5	295.5e	-4.4	0.20
Far East Gen	120.6	128.4	-0.4	0.20
European Fd	210.9	224.4e	-2.0	0.10
Germany Fd	51.2	54.5	+0.1	1.80
Nth Am Fd	44.8	52.0	-0.1	0.00
Wld Spec Sit	58.5	60.2	-0.7	1.50

GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS
Gartmore House, 16-18 Monument St, London EC3R 8AJ Tel: 01-623 1212
Dealing: 01-236 3885 Investor Services: 0800 289336

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
American	85.9	79.2	-0.3	0.70
Australian	17.9	19.2	+0.1	0.83
British Acc	69.5	74.4	-2.6	1.96
Do Dist	59.0	63.1	-2.2	1.96
Cont UK Gth	58.4	62.5	-2.2	1.96
Cmnwl Share	58.4	62.5	+0.3	1.50
European	43.2	46.2e	..	1.45
Extra Income	59.6	63.9	-1.7	6.40
Far East Tst	122.5	130.9	-1.4	0.27
Fxd Interest	28.5	30.7	-0.1	8.01
Frontier Mkts	23.1	24.6c	-0.2	0.75
Global Fd	150.6	161.3	-1.2	1.68
Do Dist	145.0	154.8	-1.2	1.68
Gold Shares	16.8	18.0	-0.1	0.00
Hedged Amer	31.2	33.3	-0.3	0.00
High Income	29.5	31.7e	-1.0	5.39
Hong Kong	29.1	31.5e	-0.7	1.26
Income Fd	85.0	101.4	-1.2	4.34
Int F/Interest	23.7	25.3e	..	6.18
Japan Tst	127.0	135.6	-0.7	0.00
Main Expt	272.5	293.5e	-3.4	2.60
Oil & Energy	41.0	44.7	-0.2	0.00
Pac Basin	50.3	53.8	-0.6	0.00
Pac Inc	101.8	108.3	-3.0	0.66
Recovery Ltd				
Glob Inc/Gth	72.1	77.0e	-1.5	3.98
Pacific Gth	42.5	45.4	-0.4	1.54
Pract Inv Inc	64.8	68.3e	-0.3	2.73
Pract Inc	119.7	127.5e	-0.1	2.73
Worldw Recov	85.1	90.8	-0.8	1.20
Selected Opportunities Tsts				
American	27.3	29.1e	..	0.41
European	53.9	57.4	+0.2	1.16
International	110.9	118.4	-0.4	0.00
Japan	65.3	70.1	-0.3	0.00
UK	60.0	64.4	-1.6	1.21

GOVETT (ADRIAN) UNIT MANAGEMENT
Shackleton Hse, 4, Battle Bridge Lane, London SE1 2HR Tel: 01-378 7979
Dealing: 01-588 0566

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Int Gth	88.6	94.2	-0.5	1.11
American Gth	56.9	60.8	-0.2	1.25
Asian Gth Inc	57.6	61.6e	..	4.57
European Gth	45.3	48.4e	..	1.17
Gold & Minrls	47.3	50.5	+0.2	0.66
Japan Gth	62.7	67.0e	-0.3	..
Pacific Inc	75.5	80.4	+0.4	3.63
Pacific Strat	39.4	42.1e	-0.1	0.41
UK Prop Inc	66.3	74.1	-2.6	4.76
UK Spec Opps	132.9	142.1e	-4.8	1.58
Gt Britain	36.6	39.1	-0.3	3.91
UK Inc	107.3	114.7e	-0.8	4.78
UK Smi Co	33.8	36.1e	-2.0	0.84

GRE UNIT MANAGERS
Royal Exchange, EC3P 3DN Tel: 01-626 0755

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Gt/Fxd Interest	119.4	124.1e	-0.5	9.00
Gth Equity	238.3	252.2	+0.2	2.36
Guardhill	361.8	512.5e	..	3.21
Income Tst	94.5	100.1	-1.5	3.79
Int Tst	106.2	112.4e	-0.8	1.36
N American	122.5	129.7	-0.9	1.27
Pacific	255.1	274.2	+0.1	0.00
Prop Shares	354.6	373.3	+0.9	1.91
Smaller Co	268.4	288.9	+0.3	1.67
European Tst	222.9	235.9	-1.1	1.47

GUINNESS MAHON UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
PO Box 442, 32 St Mary-at-Hill, London EC3P 3AJ. Tel: 01-623 4333

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Capital	36.8	39.0	-0.1	0.80
High Income	90.8	96.7	-0.6	5.36
N Amer Tst	91.8	97.7e	..	0.79
Pacific Gth	41.3	44.0	-0.1	0.59
Recovery	313.7	333.9	-2.7	2.57
Sentinel Inc	107.1	114.0	-0.9	3.99
Sentinel Cap	107.1	114.0	-0.9	3.99
Euro Gth Tst	42.6	45.3e	-0.2	1.38

HAMBROS BANK UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
Atlantic 2, Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex. Tel: Enquiries 0277 227300 Dealing 0277 261010

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Amer Eqty Inc	51.5	54.6c	+0.1	5.15
Canadian Tst	41.6	44.1	+0.2	1.22
Equity Income	104.7	111.1	-1.4	5.48
European Tst	78.4	83.2e	+0.7	1.02
High Income	81.1	86.0e	-0.9	5.92
Int Sm Tst	96.6	102.5	-0.9	0.00
Japan/F East	113.7	120.6	-0.7	0.05
Nth Amer Tst	53.5	56.8	-0.2	1.23
Recov & Assist	92.5	98.2e	-0.9	2.43
Scandinavian	70.4	74.7	+0.1	1.15
Smaller Co	35.1	37.2	-0.2	1.14
UK New Gen	36.9	41.8	-0.1	1.09

HENDERSON
Premier UT Administration Admin 5, Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex. Tel: 0277 261010

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Amer Recov	57.5	61.0	-0.2	0.00
Amer Smlr Co	37.2	39.5	-0.1	0.00
Australasian	68.1	72.3	+0.4	0.57
Best of World	47.4	50.2e	-0.3	2.34
Cap Inc Inc	44.6	47.3e	-0.3	1.14
Do Acc	70.9	75.2e	-1.5	2.28
European	185.5	207.3	-1.1	0.79
Euro Inc Tst	33.8	42.2e	-0.3	2.19
Far East Gth	39.3	41.7	-0.2	0.26
Extra Income	225.6	238.9e	-5.1	3.79
Financial Tst	161.5	171.2	-2.0	2.71
Fxd Interest	55.0	58.2e	+0.1	9.38
Gilt Inc Tst	48.0	50.8	-0.2	0.73
Global Health	79.6	84.4	-0.3	0.00
Global Inc/Gth	60.0	63.5	-0.6	4.04
Global Recov	61.3	65.0	-0.3	0.66
Gold	32.6	34.8	+0.6	1.73
High Income	238.5	252.4	-5.5	4.08
Hong Kong	50.0	55.1	-1.3	2.46
Int Gth Inc	101.0	107.1	-0.4	2.14
Do Acc	388.8	390.3	-10.4	3.23
Income Asset	125.6	133.0	-3.6	4.03
International	167.2	177.2	-1.1	1.17
Japan Gth Tst	167.5	198.9	-1.6	0.00
Japan Tst	167.5	198.9	-1.6	0.00

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No.	Company	Group	Gain or loss
1	Oliver (G)	Drapery.Stores	
2	Freshbake	Foods	
3	Dunhill	Drapery.Stores	
4	Hall (M)	Industrials E-K	
5	Jones & Shipman	Industrials E-K	
6	Kode	Electricals	
7	Racal Elect (aa)	Electricals	
8	Porter Chadburn	Industrials L-R	
9	Simon Eng	Industrials S-Z	
10	Bank Of Ireland	Banks,Discount	
11	Whatman Reeve	Industrials S-Z	
12	Allied Irish	Banks,Discount	
13	Johnston	Industrials E-K	
14	Photo-Me	Industrials L-R	
15	Holmes Pro	Industrials E-K	
16	Barratt Devs	Building,Roads	
17	Rothmans 'B' (aa)	Tobaccos	
18	Marley	Building,Roads	
19	Ranger	Oil,Gas	
20	Black (Peter)	Industrials A-D	
21	Asda	Property	
22	Clarke Nickolls	Property	
23	Conder Grp	Building,Roads	
24	Cowie (T)	Motors,Aircraft	
25	Hanover Dracc	Property	
26	AC	Motors,Aircraft	
27	Hay (Norman)	Industrials E-K	
28	Pheom	Electricals	
29	Bridport-Gundry	Industrials A-D	
30	Textured Jersey	Textiles	
31	MS Int	Industrials L-R	
32	Grainger	Property	
33	Lilleshall	Industrials L-R	
34	Courtaulds (aa)	Textiles	
35	Hawker Siddly (aa)	Industrials E-K	
36	Leeds	Textiles	
37	Uld Guarantee	Industrials S-Z	
38	Alexon	Drapery.Stores	
39	Underwoods	Drapery.Stores	
40	Gaskell Broadloom	Textiles	
41	Smith & Neph (aa)	Industrials S-Z	
42	St Ives Gp	Paper,Print,Adv	
43	Warner	Property	
44	Smurfit (Jeff)	Paper,Print,Adv	

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MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	Weekly Total

BRITISH FUNDS

1987/88 High	Low	Stock	Price	Chge	Int. only yld%	Gross Red. yld%

SHORTS (Under Five Years)

102¼	100⅜	Exch	10¾%	1988	100⅜	..	10.4	8.562
101⅝	98	Treas C	9¾%	1988	100⅝	..	9.72	8.470
98	92¼	Treas	9%	1978-88	98	..	3.0	6.729
101⅛	94⅛	Treas	8¾%	1988	100⅝	..	9.45	8.602
105¼	95½	Treas	11¾%	1989	102¼	..	11.2	8.663
104¼	97¼	Treas	10¾%	1989	101⅞	..	10.3	8.760
103⅝	96⅛	Exch	10%	1989	101¼	-⅛	9.8	8.747
106	95¾	Exch	10¾%	1989	103¾	..	10.4	8.746
105¼	95	Exch	11%	1989	102⅝	..	10.6	8.728
96¾	88½	Treas	5%	1986-89	96¼	..	5.19	7.579
102⅝	93¼	Treas C	9½%	1989	100¾	..	9.4	8.578
96¾	89⅜	Treas	3%	1989	99¾	..	3.1	6.535
102⅛	99⅝	Treas	8¾%	1990	100⅝	..		
111	101⅛	Exch	13%	1990	108¾	..	12.1	8.777
106⅜	95	Exch	11%	1990	103⅝	..	10.6	8.764
110¾	99¼	Exch	12½%	1990	106¾	-⅛	11.7	8.654
92¾	84¼	Treas	3%	1990	89¾	..	3.2	7.004
100	89¾	Treas	8¾%	1987-90	99¾	..	8.3	8.706
105	94⅜	Treas	10%	1990	102¾	-⅛	9.7	8.861
91¾	80⅜	Exch	2½%	1990	90	..	2.7	6.760
110¾	99¾	Treas C	10%	1991	104¾	..	9.5	8.418
110⅜	100⅛	Treas	11¾%	1991	109⅛	-⅛	10.8	8.873
95¾	85⅝	Fund	5¾%	1987-91	94	-⅛	6.1	8.088
109¾	97	Exch	11%	1991	106¾	-⅛	10.3	8.920
96⅜	78⅜	Treas	3%	1991	88¾	..	3.3	7.236
99	91	Treas	9%	1992	98¾	..	8.3	8.830
116⅜	105	Treas	12¾%	1992	111¾	-⅛	11.3	8.962
106¼	92¼	Treas	10%	1992	103¾	-⅛	9.6	8.937
108⅜	95¾	Treas	C10½%	1992	104¾	-⅛	10.0	9.013
88⅜	78⅜	Treas	3%	1992	85¾	-⅛	3.5	7.246
99	89⅜	Treas	9%	1992	96¾	-⅛	8.2	8.857
117	100⅜	Exch	12¾%	1992	111	-⅛	10.9	9.066
121	104⅜	Exch	13¼%	1992	115¾	-⅛	11.5	9.070

FIVE TO FIFTEEN YEARS

107⅜	83⅞	Treas	10%	1993	103¾	-⅛	9.6	9.063
118¾	107⅜	Treas	12¾%	1993	113⅝	-⅛	10.9	9.124
95¾	81⅛	Fund	5%	1993	91¾	-⅝	7.5	8.465
125⅜	107⅜	Treas	13¾%	1993	119¾	-⅛	11.4	9.219
129¾	113¾	Treas	14¾%	1994	123⅜	-⅛	11.7	9.182
130½	103⅜	Exch	12¾%	1994	123⅛	-⅛	10.8	9.284
124⅜	108⅜	Exch	13½%	1994	118¾	-⅛	11.3	9.286
103¾	89⅝	Treas	9%	1994	98¾	-⅛	9.0	9.029
107⅜	88⅜	Treas	10%	1994	103¾	-⅛	9.6	9.120
118⅛	104¾	Treas	12¾%	1995	113	-⅛	10.5	9.286
84⅜	75¾	Conv	3%	1995-98	80¾	-⅝	3.7	6.467
109¾	97¼	Exch	10¾%	1995	105	-⅛	9.7	9.222
123⅛	106	Treas	12¾%	1995	118¾	-⅛	10.7	9.304
130⅜	114⅜	Treas	14%	1998	124¾	-⅛	11.2	9.464
99⅜	87	Treas	9%	1992-96	89¾	-⅛	9.0	9.032
139⅛	118½	Treas	15¾%	1998	131¾	-⅛	11.5	9.463
127⅛	109⅜	Exch	13¾%	1996	121¾	-⅛	10.8	9.370
89⅜	80	Red	3%	1998	84¾	..		
108⅜	92¾	Conv	10%	1996	103⅜	-⅛	9.5	9.313
98	86	Treas	8¾%	1997 C	96¾	..		
128⅛	112⅜	Treas	13¾%	1997	122¾	-⅛	10.7	9.288
111	96	Exch	10¾%	1997	106⅜	-⅛	9.8	9.229
111	95¾	Treas	10%	1997	106¾	-⅛	9.0	9.200
140	121	Exch	15%	1997	132⅜	-⅛	11.2	9.566
88¾	76⅜	Treas	6¾%	1995-98	85⅝	-⅛	7.8	8.929
106⅜	93¾	Exch	9¾%	1998	102	-⅛	9.5	9.338
145⅛	123⅜	Exch	15½%	1998	139¾	-⅛	11.1	9.576
122⅝	107⅜	Exch	12¾%	1998	116¾	-⅛	10.2	9.449
106⅜	92⅜	Treas	9¾%	1999	101¾	-⅛	9.3	9.186
124⅜	107	Exch	12¾%	1999	116¾	-⅛	10.2	9.437
113	98	Exch	10¾%	1999	107⅝	-⅛	9.7	9.239
111⅜	93¼	Conv	10¾%	1999	105¾	-⅛	9.5	9.343
97¾	85½	Treas	8¾%	2000	95	-⅛	8.9	9.132
131⅛	114¾	Treas	13%	2000	124¾	-⅛	10.3	9.486
103⅜	88¾	Conv	9%	2000	98¾	-⅛	9.1	9.168
110⅜	96⅜	Treas	10%	2001	104¾	-⅛	9.4	9.273
109¾	92	Conv	9¼%	2001	103¾	-⅛	9.4	9.267
134⅜	112⅜	Treas	14%	1998 ..	127¾	-⅛	10.9	9.183
103	86⅜	Conv	9%	2002	98¾	-⅛	9.1	9.183
110⅜	96	Conv	10%	2002	105¾	-⅛	9.4	9.235
122⅜	107	Exch	12%	1999 ..	116¾	-⅛	10.2	9.458
109	93¼	Treas	9¼%	2002	103¾	-⅛	9.3	9.227

OVER FIFTEEN YEARS

111¾	94⅜	Treas	10%	2003	106¾	-⅛	9.3	9.183
136⅜	118⅛	Treas	13¾%	2000 ..	129¾	-⅛	10.5	9.527
121¾	105	Treas	11¾%	2001 ..	115¾	-⅛	9.9	9.346
111¾	94¼	Treas	10%	2004	106¾	-⅛	9.3	9.167
98⅝	51⅛	Fund	3¾%	1999	95¾	-⅛	6.0	8.172
107⅜	91¼	Conv	9¼%	2004	102¾	-⅛	9.2	9.125
107⅜	90⅝	Conv	9¼%	2005	103	-⅛	9.2	9.123
116⅜	98¾	Exch	10¾%	2005	111⅜	-⅛	9.7	9.117
132⅜	111¾	Treas	12¾%	1999 ..	126	-⅛	9.8	9.242
94⅛	79⅝	Treas	8%	2002 ..	90¾	-⅛	8.8	9.045
110¾	93⅜	Conv	9¼%	2006	105⅝	-⅛	9.2	9.125
125⅜	106⅜	Treas	11¾%	2003 ..	119¾	-⅛	9.7	9.239
95⅜	85⅝	Treas	8¼%	2007	95¾	-⅛	8.8	9.080
142	121⅜	Treas	13¾%	2004 ..	135	-⅛	9.9	9.209
104⅜	88¾	Treas	9%	2008	100	-⅛	8.9	8.953
94⅜	80⅜	Treas	8%	2009	90¾	-⅛	8.7	8.948
95¾	80⅜	Conv	8%	2011	90¾	-⅛	8.8	8.842
68⅜	56⅜	Conv	5¼%	2006-12	67¾	-⅛	8.1	8.779
92¾	79⅜	Treas	7¾%	2012-15	87¾	-⅛	8.8	8.832
134⅜	116¾	Exch	12%	2013-17	128⅜	-⅛	9.3	9.065

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45⅜	39¾	Consols	4%	44¾	..		9.0	—
41⅞	34¾	Over Ln	3½%	39⅞	..		8.8	—
53	46	Conv	3½%	51¾	..		6.8	—
34⅜	29¾	Treas	3%	39⅜	..		9.1	—
29¾	24⅜	Consols	2½%	27¾	..		9.0	—
29¾	24⅜	Treas	2½%	27¾	..		8.9	—

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118½	108⅜	Treas IL	2%	1990	116¾	..	2.3	1.005
107⅛	99⅜	Treas IL	2%	1992	104¾	..	2.7	2.175
132⅜	117⅜	Treas IL	2%	1996	131¾	..	3.5	3.253
111⅛	96⅜	Treas IL	2½%	2001	109¾	..	3.9	3.705
129¾	94¼	Treas IL	2½%	2003	107¾	..	3.9	3.729
113	94¾	Treas IL	2%	2006	108⅜	..	3.9	3.775
127⅝	89¾	Treas IL	2½%	2009	101¾	+⅛	3.9	3.772
113⅜	93¾	Treas IL	2½%	2011	105⅞	..	3.9	3.767
99¾	78⅜	Treas IL	2½%	2013	88	..	3.8	3.734
110⅜	93¾	Treas IL	2½%	2016	95¾	..	3.8	3.691
101¾	81⅛	Treas IL	2½%	2020	93¾	..	3.7	3.617
86¾	68⅛	Treas IL	2½%	2024	78¾	..	3.6	3.574

BANKS, DISCOUNT, HP

1987/88 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Chge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
272	180	Allied Irish	269	272	+4		2.7	4.2	27.4
109	64	Amerchant (Henry)	82	86	-1				
256	126	Ass Merc 2	172	176	-4				
12¾	3¾	Bankamerica	5¾		-¼				
246	173	Bank of Ireland	213	223	+5		b		
17	11½	Bank Leumi Israel	15	17					
350	240	Bank Leumi UK	348	360			17.0	4.9	11.2
644	395	Bank Of Scotland	545	556	-5		23.4	4.3	10.1
88	68	Bank Of Wales	85	85			3.3	5.5	11.3
555	412	Barclays (aa)	473	477	-9		31.9	6.7	10.4
63	25	Benchmark	28	31			2.2	7.3	12.2
668	410	Brown Shipley	560	570			14.0	2.5	11.6
135	40	Bus Mortgage	56	55	-1		1.4	2.6	11.4
453	290	Cater Allen	335	355			27.6	8.0	11.9
75½	44	Cables	62	65			3.4	5.3	11.2
39¼	19½	Chase Manhattan	19¾		-¼				
51	31	Citibank	101						
219	115	Close Bros	170	188			6.2	3.5	21.7
111¾	65½	Commerzbank	77½		-1½				
268½	120½	Deutsche Bank	129¾		-½				
80	71	Equity & Gen	75	78	-2		15.8	58.5	10.5
359	165	First Nat Finance	244	247	+3		12.0	4.9	8.0
124	78	GPG	75	89					13.1
418	298	Gerrard Nat	310	320			23.3	7.4	9.7
386	229	Hambros	298	302	-5		12.1	4.0	10.3
87	46	HK Shanghai	47	51	-1		3.3b	6.7	
565	412	Joseph (Leopold)	415	435	-13		18.3	4.3	17.6
194	134	King & Shaxson	143	148			12.0	8.2	14.7
698	277	Kleinwort Benson	295	302	-6		19.2	5.2	7.5
435	213	Lloyds (aa)	265	270	-5		18.1	6.8	8.6
57	37	Lon Scot Bk	45	48	+1		2.5	5.2	6.7
598	308	Midland (aa)	388	393	-9		27.5	7.0	5.1
565	286	Morgan Grenfell	285	290	-4		14.9	5.2	10.8
280	157	Nat Aust Bk	211	215	-5				
780	505	Nat West (aa)	558	563	+1		32.9	5.9	9.8
420	122	Ottoman	1683				8001	4.7	5.5
448	278	Provident	335	343	-2		21.9	6.5	9.5
175	48	Ras Bros	99	99			2.4	2.6	17.7

STOCK EXCHANGE PRICES

Losses trimmed

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings began March 21. Dealings end April 8. §Contango day April 11. Settlement day April 18. §Forward bargains are permitted on two previous business days.

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BREWERIES

1987/88 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Chge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
216	113	Robinson (J) Pbr	162	167	+2	8.2	5.0	8.8
449	212	Rnl Bk Scot (aa)	338	342	-7	17.4	5.1	6.6
17	705	Scottish &	9	10		22.6	5.6	11.0
843	398	Stand Chart (aa)	435	445	-16	48.0	10.9	5.5
154	97	Tdfd (aa)	150	158	-½	5.3	4.9	7.2
838	653	Ulster	836	850		29.5	6.4	12.3
576	262	Warsaw Pkg SG	336	345	-2	14.6	4.2	
198	162	Do 6% 'A'	119	132	-1	8.2	6.8	
37	31	Wells Fargo	36½		-½			
550	750	Whitbrd	440	465	+5	8.8	1.9	17.8

BUILDING, ROADS

1987/88 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Chge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
360	172	Abbey	220	240				
549	262	Amec	365	370	-5	16.8	4.5	13.7
510	295	Anglo Sec	365	370	-10	27	7.3	24.0
43¾	28	Anglo Utd	44	46		1.4	3.7	8.7
455	288	Arndale	395	420	-6	14.3	3.4	8.7
402	184	Ashwoods	237	247		9.1	3.7	16.7
442½	218	BPB Ind (aa)	275	278	-6	9.6	3.5	12.0
310	97	Baggeridge Brick	275	285	-5	14.5	5.1	19.8
94	31	Bailey (Eley Constr	71	74	-1	1.9	2.6	15.1
752	138	Barratt Devs	1952	1965	+24	51.5	2.6	12.7
237	160	Beazley	238	245	-7	11.0	4.6	11.6
186	76	Bellway	94	98	-4	2.9	3.0	8.7
166	116	Berkeley Gp	335	343	-10	26.0	7.7	19.7
148	56	Bett Bros	88	92		5.2	5.7	21.4
625	137	Blackleys	335	385		7.4	2.1	30.1
574	289	Blue Circle (aa)	445	448	-4	18.5	4.1	12.0
295	170	Bovaston PLC	240	270		8.7	3.4	22.1
253	116	Br Dredging	116	123	-2	6.9	5.6	12.7
81	14½	Brown & Jackson	37	38½				
148	79	Bryant	135	137	-4	4.4	3.2	16.1
38½	10	Burrell & Hotam	11½	14½				1.5
204	100	Cbh	198	202	-4			
117	69	Cakebread Robey	106	116	-2	5.2	4.7	13.9
373	178	Caradon	308	315	-4	10.3b	3.3	16.1
185	86	Charrin Charles	117	120	-3	4.4	3.7	13.0
263	150	Cie Fonder Eqp	255	260	-5	14.2	5.5	11.2
109	59	Clapson PLC	140	150		7.4	4.9	17.9
397	198	Costain	312	315	-6	12.2	3.9	11.4
401	120	Countrywide	373	383	-5	14.7	3.8	11.3
172	128	Dent Nicholson	153	157	-3	6.2	4.0	12.3
118	63	Crosby James	85	90	-5	2.4	2.7	
291	129	Douglas (WM)	265	290	-5	10.5	3.6	22.6
1369	75	Erith	98	103	+1	3.4	3.4	20.8
310	116	Estates Hsg	277	280	-3	9.2	3.3	10.7
182	75	Fairclough	79	83	-2	6.2	7.7	12.3
90	46	Galliford	56	59	-2	3.7	6.3	13.2
235	135	Gibbs & Dandy (aa)	205	208	-3	11.9	5.7	10.8
560	348	Gleeson (MJ)	480	500		24.0	4.8	12.6
335	162	Harrison Ind	238	238	-5	8.2	3.4	14.4
378	171	Henderson	365	373		11.6	3.1	34.0
151	74	Hewden-Stuart	126	128	-2	2.7	2.1	19.2
265	210	Hollowood Weirs	260	265	-2	9.0	3.4	13.0
436	234	Hopg & Hall	348	355	-5	10.5	3.0	15.6
85	41	Howard Hsgs	53	56	-1	1.9	3.5	10.0
245	92	Hydock Jenkinson	165	168	-5	6.0	4.8	17.3
136	82	James (J) & Sons	130	132		5.1	3.9	9.1
400	170	Laing (J)	388	395	-5	8.2	2.7	10.2
414	217	Do A	388	395	-5	8.2	2.7	10.2
194	79	Lawrence (Walter)	188	191	-1	5.8	4.1	13.5
211	74	Lilley (FJG)	77	80	-1			17.6
314	192	Lovell (YJ)	245	248	-9	6.9	3.8	12.2
406	149	Magnet (aa)	223	227	-11	8.6	3.8	14.3
413	293	Mandrs	377	385	-2	14.3	3.8	20.2
195	115	Marley	156	158	-2	6.8	4.3	18.4
368	188	Marshalls (Halifax)	265	268	-9	9.7	3.6	16.1
114	64	Maunders (J)	87	88	-5	2.9	3.2	14.7
677	365	McAlpine (Alfred)	432	440	-8	23.9	5.6	8.6
630	303	McCarthy & S	420	430	-4	15.6	3.7	16.2
485	368	Meyer Int	370	375	-3	9.6	2.6	12.2
171	36	Moss (Stanley)	67	72		1.7	2.4	45.0
541	305½	Mowlem (John)	415	420	-3	22.3	5.3	13.4
13¼	7½	Newarthill	12¾	13¾		1.1	13.3	26.1
176	84	Norcros Tonks	163	167	-3	10.6	6.3	10.7
183	63	Persimmon	163	165	-3	7.1	4.3	11.2
158	80	Phoenix Timber	110	113	-1	3.4	3.0	12.2
380	370	Pochin	370	380		21.8	5.8	8.1
574	341	Ptd Sc (aa)	548	553	-6	13.4	2.4	9.9
167	60	Rawe Ind	88	100	-3	1.9	1.9	20.2
575	352	Redland (aa)	548	553	-6	18.7	3.4	11.0
208	97	Ruberoid	155	156	-4	4.8	3.2	13.5
216	172	Ruglen Group	214	216	-1	11.6	5.4	11.7
316	175	Scandia Pentens	215	225	-4	8.5	3.8	11.0
250	136	Sharpe & Fisher	215	225	-3	5.5	2.5	14.3
138	88	Smart (J)	115	120		7.2	6.0	17.9
416	237	Stanley	353	358		11.3	3.4	15.6
248	207	Tarmac (aa)	236	237	-2	8.7	3.7	14.8
348	227	Taylor Woodrow	327	330	-5	8.7	2.7	13.3
207	107	Tilbury Group	200	202	-2	5.4	2.7	13.3
233	240	Travis & Arnold	230	240	-3	7.4	3.2	11.8
203	98	Trent	198	200	+1	1.6	1.1	29.7
413	265	Tysons	370	380	+1	13.6	4.5	9.9
215	275	Wadkin	275	285		14.1	5.1	10.1
288	99	Ward Group	140	150		3.2	2.1	17.7
327	77	Ward Hdgs	163	168	-1	3.3	1.9	10.8
177	88	Warrington	163	165				10.9
368	206	Watts, Blake	350	360		7.8	2.9	14.0
319	182	Westbury	315	320		6.5	2.5	10.9
315	181	Wiggins	195	197	-4	7.1	3.7	15.4
388	206	Wilcon Homes	350	360	-4	9.8	3.0	10.7
445	242	Wilson (Connolly)	373	377	-4	11.7	3.1	14.2
288	163	Wimpey G (aa)	243	245	-4	7.9	3.2	14.0
189	92	YRM	116	126		3.3	2.7	13.0

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

1987/88 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Chge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
173	94	Allied Colloids	128	129	-3	2.8	2.2	17.6
548	365	Amersham	488	492		11.8	2.4	19.9
255	100	BTP	141	148	-7	7.9	5.4	15.6
126½	79½	Bayer DM50	85½		-½			
258	129	Biagden	156	161	-3	10.6	6.7	10.5
231	166	Brent Chems	192	196	-2	6.4b	4.8	13.6
211	125	Cattens (M)	192	196	-5	5.8	3.0	14.4
445	273	Coalite	382	386	-5	17.3	4.5	9.5
438	194	Coates Bros	318	327		10.5	3.3	10.2
263	150	Coty (Horace)	240	245	-3	10	4.2	20.8
273	165	Croda	183	191	-1	12.3	6.5	10.1
263	154	Do Dfd	185	187	-1			15.2
333	144	Ellis & Everard	185	195	+1	6.7	3.6	14.3
233	114	Evode	157	162	+2	6.1	3.8	13.4
333	166	Fisons-Messrs	223	227	-2	12.4	5.5	10.0
308	186	Hickson (James)	242	247		9.9	4.0	11.0
220	106	Hickson	176	180		7.0	3.9	11.1
116	76	Hoechst DM50	108½		-½			
16½	940	Ici Chem Ind (aa)	10¼	10¼		56.1	5.5	8.6
587	332	Laporte (aa)	372	375	+3	14.9	4.0	12.4
240	111	Leigh	210	215		6.3	3.0	29.5
34½	11	Mersk Hydro	16½		-¼			
148	84	Phylo	140	145	-5	2.7	1.9	17.6
295	170	Rolfe & Nolan	230	235		4.1	1.7	20.3
253	148	Rotsbrook Hdgs	220	230	-5			26.3
220	105	Rentokil	186	188	-3	4.5	2.4	15.9
487	92	Sense	370	380		4.1	1.1	20.2
198	94	Staffs Steelstrip	130	140	-7			11.9
405	258	Wolstenholme Rnk	285	295		14.0	4.7	8.8
351	193	Yorkshire Chem	232	235	-2	9.6	4.3	9.9
200	61½	Yule Catto	108	113	-2	4.1	3.7	15.9

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1987/88 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Chge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
548	348	An

FAMILY MONEY BRIEFING

Home-owners face another battering

■ Home-owners, still recovering from the battering of the October storm, are now expecting to pay higher house-building insurance premiums. Of the bigger insurers only Legal & General has stated it will definitely be putting up rates, by 10 per cent in May or June. But several others, including Commercial Union, General Accident, Prudential and Royal Insurance, have said they are considering raising rates.

Despite the huge claims bills inflicted on insurers by the storm – the Royal's £105 million is the heaviest so far reported – the main reason for the increase is the consistently bad winter weather. John Carter, Commercial Union's UK general manager, said five of the past six years had produced serious weather losses, mainly from burst pipes after freeze-ups.

Royal's rate of £1.80 per £1,000 insured has not been raised for nearly four years. The Prudential's £1.60 was fixed on January 1, 1986. Insurers had been considering an increase even before the storm, because of the apparent change in weather patterns. What was once considered abnormal now seems to be normal. Even insurers with good reinsurance cover against storm losses – Commercial Union paid only £15 million out of a £60 million total loss – have been caught by higher reinsurance rates.

Lower LIBOR loans

■ The Household Mortgage Corporation is launching a LIBOR-linked mortgage at an introductory rate of 9.5 per cent. This is a 0.75 percentage point above LIBOR, the rate at which banks lend to one another, but will be raised to one point above later. At present rates, this would put the HMC mortgage up to 9.75 per cent.

LIBOR-linked mortgages have their rates reviewed regularly and HMC's review dates are on March 15, June 15, September 15 and December 15. It is on the second review date that the margin over LIBOR moves to one point. "Depending on the date of the advance," says HMC, "some of our borrowers can get the benefit of the initial lower rate for a period approaching six months."

Payments covered

■ A critical illness can destroy the family finances, but unless it actually strikes you dead the mortgage still has to be paid. But this week a new policy is launched that will clear the mortgage and give a £10,000 lump sum if you are diagnosed as having invasive cancer, heart disease needing surgery, a stroke or a heart attack. The Economic Insurance company, part of a Danish group, has combined the living assurance concept pioneered by Abbey Life with a conventional unit-linked endowment mortgage. Livingcare will increase the cost of a mortgage by 8 to 10 per cent for a non-smoker and by up to 20 per cent for a smoker.

A living assurance policy from Abbey, added to your mortgage, would cost the minimum premium of £15 a month for a 35-year-old male non-smoker wanting a £10,000 payout for major illness – but, of course, the mortgage payments would still have to be paid.

Noble Warren Investments, the London-based independent brokers, are offering mortgages that include cover against accident, illness and redundancy. Cover is free for the first two years.

Insurers to trust

■ The National Trust is not a name that would spring immediately to mind if you were looking for household insurance. But this guardian of the nation's architectural heritage is now offering schemes for household contents and buildings.

The insurance, called Homeguardian, is arranged through brokers Frizzell and underwritten through Lloyd's. The plans do not set out to offer cheaper insurance than any obtainable elsewhere but are intended to be more convenient. As with schemes from the TSB and the AA, there is no need to calculate precisely the size of the home or to do an inventory of the contents. The premiums are based on the number of rooms, and the area and age of the home. But there is a limit on rebuilding costs of £250,000 and contents of £35,000.

Homeguardian is available to members and non-members and will be advertised in the National Trust magazine and through leaflets in the trust's shops.

Ferry money

■ A company planning to raise £1.5 million through the Business Expansion Scheme towards conversion of a Western Isles ferry for luxury cruising says its issue can still go ahead despite the new Budget restrictions on the amount that can be raised through the BES.

The Chancellor said that in future no companies, except those involved in private rented housing or ship-chartering, could raise more than £500,000 through a BES issue. A temporary higher ceiling, of £1 million, was imposed after the Budget on companies that had already issued prospectuses.

Hebridean Princess Cruises, of Skipton, North Yorkshire, has been told it can go ahead. The company wants to convert the ferry Columba for cruising in the Inner and Outer Hebrides and will put the vessel out for charter from time to time. The issue closing date has been extended to April 5.

Just right for the greens

Two new investments in re-cycled paper have appeared – a green unit trust to be launched at the end of the month, and a loan stock in a recycled paper supplier.

The Merlin Ecology Trust aims to buy into companies working for the good of the environment world-wide. Pollution control, purification of water supplies, waste management and crop management all receive approval, but companies such as ICI, manufacturers of chemicals that could be harmful to the environment, will be excluded.

Inevitably, Body Shop be will vying for a place in the fund along with other ecology-sensitive manufacturers and retailers. Merlin, which is owned by North Sea & General Investments, a holding company that has now sold its North Sea interests, has just one other trust. It has a research unit to vet companies for their ecological policies and advise the trust manager Christopher Surtees. Management reports to unit-holders will include news of this research. The minimum investment is £500, the initial charge 5 per cent, and the annual charge 1 per cent.

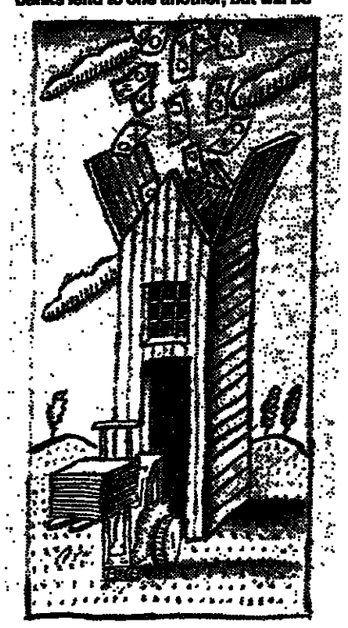
The other green investment is a loan stock from a co-operative supplying recycled paper. Paperback, which is registered with the Registrar of Friendly Societies, is trying to raise £50,000 for expanding the business. Units of £100 are redeemable in five years' time and will pay a minimum 5 per cent interest a year – a higher rate may be paid if profits rise above forecasts, but this will not be more than 3 per cent above the Co-operative Bank's base rate.

There is a discount for larger investors – five units redeemable for £500 will cost £475. An investor will be chosen to represent investors' interests at the co-operative's management meetings.

Paperback, of Hoxton, east London, has seen sales grow from £53,00 in 1984 to more than £300,000 last year, with a £16,000 pre-tax profit. Its five-year plan envisages turnover growing to £1.8 million in 1992, with £87,000 pre-tax profits. It claims Body Shop, Shell Better Britain and the Government's Central Office of Information as customers.

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Paperback, 8-16 Coronet Street, London N1 6HD; Merlin Fund Management, 30 St James's Street, London SW1A 1HB



investment in the environment

The Paperback company prospectus

INTEREST RATES ROUND-UP

	Nominal rate	Compounded return at tax rates 27%	45%	60%	Min/max investment £	Notice	Contact
BANKS							
Ordinary Dep A/c[1]	2.50	2.50	1.88	1.37	1 min	0-7 day	—
Girobank	2.80	2.80	2.10	1.53	1 min	7 day	01-600 6020
Fixed Term Deposits:							
National Westminster	5.87	5.87	4.33	3.15	10,000-24,999	1 mth	01-726 1000
" " "	5.75	5.75	4.33	3.15	10,000-24,999	6 mth	01-726 1000
Midland	5.32	5.32	4.00	2.92	10,000-24,999	1 mth	01-260 8000
" " "	5.46	5.46	4.11	2.99	10,000-24,999	6 mth	01-260 8000
BUILDING SOCIETIES							
Ordinary A/c	4.00	4.04	3.04	2.21	1 min	—	—
Britannia[2]	6.15	6.15	4.63	3.37	250 min	—	—
Bristol & West	6.30	6.30	4.75	3.45	500 min	—	—
Bradford & Bingley	6.50	6.50	4.90	3.56	1000 min	—	—
Cheltenham & Glouc[2]	6.75	6.75	5.09	3.70	5,000 min	—	—
Britannia[2]	7.05	7.05	5.31	3.86	10,000 min	—	—
Northern Rock[2]	7.20	7.20	5.42	3.95	20,000 min	—	—
Nationwide Non-Resid[2]	8.75	8.75	8.75	8.75	1 min	—	—
MONEY FUNDS							
Aitken Hume Monthly Inc	5.83	5.99	4.51	3.28	1,000 min	—	01-638 6070
Allied Arab HICA	6.49	6.69	5.04	3.67	3,000 min	—	01-629 6802
Bank Of Scotland	5.86	6.03	4.54	3.30	2,500 min	—	01-626 8060
Barclays High Rate Dep	5.75	5.88	4.43	3.22	1,000 min	—	01-626 1567
" " "	5.88	6.01	4.53	3.29	10,000 min	—	01-626 1567
Britannia High Interest	6.02	6.19	4.66	3.39	2,500 min	—	01-588 2777
Citibank Money Mkt Plus‡	5.50	5.64	4.25	3.09	1,000 min	—	01-741 4941
HFC Trust & Savings	6.75	6.98	5.26	3.82	5,000 min	—	01-236 8391
Henderson Cheque A/c	5.86	6.03	4.54	3.30	2,500 min	—	01-638 5757
L & G High Int Deposit	6.00	6.09	4.59	3.34	1,000 min	1 mth	01-388 3211
Lloyds Investment A/c‡[5]	6.40	6.40	4.82	3.51	5,000 min	3 mth	01-407 1000
Lloyds HICA‡	5.00	5.12	4.21	2.81	1,000 min	—	01-407 1000
M&G HICA	5.83	5.99	4.51	3.28	2,500 min	—	01-626 4588
Midland HICA	5.50	6.61	4.23	3.07	2,000 min	—	0742 52800
" "	6.00	6.14	4.63	3.36	10,000 min	—	0742 52800
Nat West Special Reserve	5.75	5.88	4.43	3.22	2,000 min	—	01-726 1000
" " "	5.88	6.01	4.53	3.29	10,000 min	—	01-726 1000
Oppenheimer Money Mngmt	6.11	6.25	4.71	3.42	1,000 min	1 mth	01-236 9362
" " "	6.21	6.36	4.79	3.48	10,000 min	1 mth	01-236 9362
Phillips & Drew HICA	6.11	6.26	4.72	3.43	2,500 min	—	01-628 9771
Provincial Bank Chq A/c	6.58	6.79	5.12	3.72	1,000 min	—	061-9289011
Royal Bk Of Scot Prem A/c	5.83	8.17	6.16	4.48	2,500 min	—	031-5570201
S & P Classic	5.75	5.92	4.46	3.24	500 min	—	0708 766966
Schroder Wagg	5.93	6.09	4.59	3.34	2,500 min	—	0705 827733
TSB HICA	5.50	7.53	5.67	4.13	2,000 min	1 yr	01-606 7070
Tyndall Call	6.15	6.29	4.74	3.44	2,500 min	—	0272 732241
Tyndall 7-day	6.12	6.26	4.72	3.43	2,500 min	—	0272 732241
UDT 7-day	6.02	6.16	4.64	3.38	5,000 min	7 day	01-626 4681
Western Trust	6.02	6.18	4.66	3.39	2,500 min	1 mth	0752 261161
NATIONAL SAVINGS							
Ordinary A/c[3]	5.00	5.12	3.85	2.80	1-10,000	8 day	041-6494555
Investment A/c*	10.00	7.30	5.50	4.00	5-100,000	1 mth	041-6494555
Income Bond*	10.50	7.67	5.78	4.20	2,000-100,000	3 mth	0253 66151
Deposit Bond*	10.50	7.67	5.78	4.20	100-100,000	3 mth	041-6494555
33rd Issue Cert*†	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	25-1,000	8 day	091-3864900
Yearly Plan†	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	20-200/mth	14 day	091-3864900
General Extension Rate†	5.76	5.76	5.76	5.76			
Retail Price Index: Feb	103.7	103.7	103.7	103.7			
GUARANTEED INCOME BONDS							
General portfolio	7.50	7.50	5.65	4.11	1,000 min	1 yr	0992 31971
General portfolio	7.50	7.50	5.65	4.11	1,000 min	2 yrs	0992 31971
General portfolio	7.50	7.50	5.65	4.11	1,000 min	3 yrs	0992 31971
American life	8.00	8.00	6.03	4.38	1,000 min	4 yrs	01 680 6000
Blackhorse life	8.25	8.25	6.22	4.52	2,000 min	5 yrs	0634 405161
FOREIGN CURRENCY DEPOSITS							
Sterling	7.70	—	—	—	—	7 day	0481 26741
US Dollar	5.52	—	—	—	—	7 day	0481 26741
Yen	3.30	—	—	—	—	7 day	0481 26741
D Mark	2.16	—	—	—	—	7 day	0481 26741
French Franc	6.25	—	—	—	—	7 day	0481 26741
Swiss Franc	0.50	—	—	—	—	7 day	0481 26741

*Interest taxable, paid gross † Tax free ‡ Higher returns for larger balances [1] Major banks: Lloyds 2.8% & Midland 2.75%. [2] Societies chosen based on high street presence, higher rates can sometimes be obtained from smaller societies - contact Chase de Vere Moneyline 01-404 5766 [3] 2.5 per cent for balances below £500, first £70 of interest tax free, instant access for withdrawals of £100 or less [4] Additional holdings up to £5,000 for investors re-investing proceeds of existing matured certificates [5] Charge for instant access

KEY RATES

Retail Prices Index (Jan '87 to Jan '88)
+3.3%

Mortgage rate*
10%-10.5%

Bank base rate
8.5%

Bank prime overdraft rate*
11.5-16% APR

Personal loan rate*
20% APR

Credit card rate*
23.1% APR

Hire purchase rate*[1]
26% APR

Bank deposit account
2.5%

Building society ordinary account
4%

High-interest cheque account*
6%



Holiday exchange rates*

Spanish peseta	201.47
French franc	10.26
Greek drachma	235.62
Italian lira	2237.40

* Typical rates
[1] £1,000 over 12 months
APR = annual percentage rate

BASE LENDING RATES

ABN	8.50%
Adam & Company	8.50%
BCCI	8.50%
Consolidated Crds	8.50%
Co-operative Bank	8.50%
C. Hoare & Co	8.50%
Hong Kong & Shanghai	8.50%
Lloyds Bank	8.50%
Nat Westminster	8.50%
Royal Bank of Scotland	8.50%
TSB	8.50%
Citibank NA	8.50%

UNIT-LINKED INSURANCE INVESTMENTS

AETNA LIFE INSURANCE
401, St John Street, London EC1V 4QE
01-857 6494
Life Funds

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Squirrel	11.82	12.24	+0.01	..
Bear	12.05	12.69	-0.11	..
Owl	14.97	15.76	-0.15	..
Bull	13.33	14.04	-0.07	..
Stag	13.65	14.37	+0.06	..
Gilt Edged	11.97		-0.02	..
Deposit	10.71		+0.01	..
Pensions				
Squirrel	13.05	13.74	+0.02	..
Bear	13.93	14.67	-0.19	..
Owl	18.19	19.15	-0.25	..
Bull	15.92	16.76	-0.13	..
Stag	15.97	16.82	-0.07	..
Gilt Edged	12.71		-0.01	..
Deposit	11.57		+0.01	..
Exempt App Mixed	176.5	180.2	-1.30	..

ABBEY LIFE
80, Holdenhurst Rd, Bournemouth BH8 8AL
0202 292373

Property Fund Inc	225.0	236.9	+0.4	..
Do Accum	239.9	252.7	+0.5	..
Equity Fund Income	116.1	122.3	-2.1	..
Do Accum	128.4	135.2	-2.3	..
Selective Fund	273.6	288.1	-1.7	..
Money Fund	242.3	251.2	+0.3	..
Prop Fd Ser 4	257.5	271.1	+0.5	..
Equity Ser 4	132.6	139.6	-1.6	..
Man Ser 4	364.3	383.5	-2.5	..
Cons Ser 4	213.4	224.7	+0.2	..
Money Ser 4	213.2	224.5	+0.3	..
Fixed Int Fd Ser 4	212.2	223.5	+0.1	..
American Ser 4	246.7	259.7	-3.6	..
High Inc Ser 4	143.2	150.7	-0.4	..
Indexed Inv Ser 4	118.2	124.5	+0.2	..
Japan Ser 4	272.3	286.7	+0.9	..

ALBANY LIFE
3, Darkes Lane, Potters Bar
0707 42311

Equity Fd Acc	847.7	892.3	-4.4	..
European Fd Accum	186.7	196.5	+1.9	..
Fixed Int Acc	222.7	234.4	+0.2	..
Gtd Money Fd Acc	217.8	229.3	+0.2	..
Ind Man Fd Acc	342.3	360.2	+2.6	..
Int Fxd Int Fd Acc	197.3	207.6	+0.1	..
Japan Fund	286.3	301.4	+4.9	..
Nth American Fd Acc	152.1	160.0	+1.3	..
Prop Fd Acc	248.4	261.5	+1.9	..
Multiple Inv Acc	585.6	616.4	+0.3	..

ALLIED DUNBAR ASSURANCE
Allied Dunbar Assurance Swindon SN1 1EL
0793-28291

Fixed Int Dep Accum	241.7	254.5	+0.2	..
Equity Accum	119.9	126.2	+0.1	..
Property Accum	404.1	425.4	+0.5	..
Far East Accum	168.2	177.1	-4.1	..
Managed Capital	333.1	350.7	+2.5	..
Do Accum	354.2	372.8	+2.6	..
Overseas Accum	466.3	490.9	-8.5	..
Gtd Edged Accum	304.2	320.3	+0.7	..
Amer Equity Accum	353.6	372.3	+2.3	..
Amer Man Accum	187.3	197.2	+1.0	..
Amer Prop Accum	124.8	131.4	-0.5	..

BALTIC ASSURANCE
25-26 Albemarle Street, London W1X 4AD
01-493 9899

Managed Growth	288.6	303.7	+3.13	..
Managed Income	132.1	139.1	+0.78	..
International	173.5	182.7	+1.91	..
High Income	210.3	221.4	+1.46	..
Income & Growth	261.0	274.7	-0.46	..
Basic Resource	106.0	111.5	+1.78	..
American	153.4	161.5	+5.51	..
Japan & General	455.9	479.8	..	..
Special Situations	233.0	245.2	+1.19	..

BARCLAYS LIFE
252, Romford Rd, London E7 9JB
01-534 5544

Equity Accum	504.7	552.4	-4.1	..
Do Initial	439.2	480.4	-3.6	..
Gilt Edged Accum	233.6	245.9	+0.6	..
Do Initial	182.9	207.7	-1.4	..
International Accum	259.9	273.6	-0.8	..
Do Initial	218.1	229.6	-0.6	..
Managed Accum	340.5	358.5	-1.7	..
Do Initial	286.1	301.7	-1.2	..
Money Accum	189.1	199.1	..	..
Do Initial	158.9	162.0	..	..
Property Accum	221.9	244.2	..	..
Do Initial	185.9	203.1	..	..
America Accum	152.3	160.4	-1.2	..
Do Initial	130.0	136.9	-1.0	..
Australia Accum	134.4	141.5	+4.7	..
Do Initial	114.9	120.9	+4.0	..
Financial Accum	237.7	250.3	-1.1	..
Do Initial	202.9	213.6	-0.9	..
500 Accum	253.5	266.9	+0.7	..
Do Initial	203.5	214.2	+0.6	..
Japan S/Gen Acc 2	394.7	415.5	+2.3	..
Do Initial 2	330.1	347.5	+2.0	..
Income Accum	294.3	309.8	-0.9	..
Do Initial	250.0	263.2	-0.8	..
Leisure Accum	189.4	199.4	-0.2	..
Special Sits Accum	150.3	158.3	+2.8	..
Unv Tech Accum	101.2	104.4	-2.5	..
Do Initial	88.4	93.1	-2.2	..

BLACK HORSE LIFE
Mountbatten House Chatham
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The Managed Fund	436.05		+5.65	..
Income Fund	457.3	481.5	+2.5	..
Extra Income Fund	407.8	429.3	+2.17	..
Worldwide Growth Fd	305.7	321.8	+2.11	..
Balanced Fund	384.4	383.5	-2.04	..
Smlr Co's & Rc Fd	546.8	575.6	-1.67	..
Int Technology Fund	334.4	352.0	-4.33	..
N Amer & Gen Fund	216.0	229.4	+1.21	..
Energy Int Fund	117.0	123.2	-0.60	..
Pacific Basin Fund	267.3	281.4	+2.67	..
German Growth Fd	99.27	103.4	-1.55	..
Japan Growth Fd	171.7	180.8	-2.1	..
The UK Gth Fd	127.4	134.2	-0.37	..
Contl Euro Gth	67.97	70.92	-0.68	..
Property Fund	207.0	217.9	+0.26	..
Fixed Interest Fund	210.7	221.8	+0.46	..
Cash Fund	184.9	194.8	+0.16	..
Managed Inv Fund	276.7	291.2	+0.57	..
Nth Amer Recov	110.9	116.8	+0.27	..

CANADA LIFE
2-8, High St, Potters Bar, Herts
P Bar 51122

Equity Growth	155.7		..	..
Managed	192.0	202.2	+1.0	..
Property	141.6	149.1	..	..
Gilt & Fixed Int	152.3	160.4	+0.9	..
Index-Linked	120.3	126.7	-0.1	..

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Equity	213.4	224.7	-2.5	..
Cash	147.9	155.7	+0.1	..
Midland Bk UT	206.4	219.4	-0.8	..
Midland Bk Int	207.7	218.7	-0.3	..

CANNON ASSURANCE
1 Olympic Way, Wembley, Middx HA9 0NB
01-902 8876

Equity Units	272.74		+0.68	..
Property Units	225.76		..	..
Bal Bd Exempt Unit	237.47	99.85	+0.29	..
2nd Equity Accum	372.0	393.7	+3.1	..
2nd High Inc/Accum	346.4	366.7	+2.3	..
2nd Property Accum	250.9	265.5	..	..
2nd Managed 2 Acc	118.9	125.4	+0.6	..
2nd Managed Acc	266.7	282.2	+1.4	..
2nd Managed 4 Acc	113.3	119.9	+0.6	..
2nd Deposit Accum	186.0	196.9	+0.2	..
2nd Gilt Accum	202.7	214.5	+1.5	..
2nd Amer Accum	187.4	198.3	-0.5	..
2nd Intl Money Ac	188.5	199.5	+0.6	..
2nd Index Accum	113.8	120.4	..	..
2nd Far East Accum	223.0	236.0	+2.9	..
2nd Euro Accum	83.3	88.1	-0.5	..
2nd Euro Accum	78.4	83.0	-0.4	..
2nd Japan Accum	152.2	161.1	+2.2	..
2nd Heritage Acc	92.2	97.6	..	..
2nd Intl Curr Bond	90.1	95.3	+0.4	..

CITY OF WESTMINSTER ASSURANCE
Sentry House, 500, Avebury Blvd,
Cntl Milton Keynes MK9 2LA
0908-606101

Property Fund	142.9	150.5	..	..
Money Fund	246.0	258.0	+0.2	..
Managed Fund	436.5	459.5	+1.6	..
Equity Fund	360.9	382.2	+2.5	..
Fixed Interest Fund	162.9	171.5	+0.4	..
Far East Fund	241.0	253.7	+0.6	..
Nth Amer Fund	120.6	126.9	+0.3	..
Nat Resources Fund	179.5	189.0	+1.5	..
Alexandra Fund	107.3	113.6	..	..

CLERICAL MEDICAL/FIDELITY INTERNATIONAL
Narrow Plain, Bristol BS2 0JH
0272 290566
Assurance Funds

Mixed	149.3	157.2	-3.9	..
Equity	167.7	197.6	+8.6	..
Property	143.8	151.4	+0.4	..
Gilt & Fixed Int	127.2	133.9	-0.1	..
Indexed Secs	99.3	104.5	-0.1	..
Cash	119.9	126.2	+0.1	..
Nth American	84.1	88.1	-2.4	..
Far East	144.6	152.3	-2.1	..
International	114.0	120.1	-2.4	..
Special Sits	153.9	162.0	-3.3	..
Intl Income	159.6	168.0	-3.3	..
European	135.9	143.1	-2.8	..
Flexible Retirement Plans Funds				
Mixed	146.3	154.0	-1.4	..
Equity	167.3	176.2	-7.1	..
Property	134.6	141.1	+0.1	..
Gilt & Fixed Int	143.4	151.1	+0.5	..
Index Linked	104.9	110.5	..	..
Cash	132.1	139.1	+0.2	..
Nth American	101.5	106.9	-3.9	..
Far East Acc	190.1	200.2	-4.7	..
International Acc	121.2	127.6	-2.7	..
Special Sits	219.0	230.6	-4.7	..
European Flex	184.1	172.8	-2.7	..
Cash	118.9	125.2	+0.1	..
Nth American	94.1	99.1	-1.3	..
Far East	144.6	152.3	-2.1	..
International	114.0	120.1	-2.4	..
Special Sits	153.9	162.0	-3.3	..
Intl Income	159.6	168.0	-3.3	..
American Inc	94.0	99.0	-1.7	..
European	135.9	143.1	-2.8	..

COLONIAL MUTUAL
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01-248 9861

CML U Ass.Key	166.24		..	..
CML U Ass:Pacemkr	210.15		..	..
CML U Ass:Cash	135.1	149.2	..	..
CML U Ass:Equity	311.0	327.3	..	..
CML U Ass:Fi	210.1	221.5	..	..
CML U Ass:Mngd	236.8	249.2	..	..
CML U Ass:Prop	299.4	312.0	..	..
CMLPen:Cash Cap	135.3	142.4	..	..
CMLPen:Cash Inv	156.5	164.7	..	..
CMLPen:Equity Cap	651.1	685.3	..	..
CMLPen:Equity Inv	732.2	792.9	..	..
CMLPen:Fixed Cap	230.7	248.0	..	..
CMLPen:Fixed Inv	270.4	284.6	..	..
CMLPen:Indx Cap	134.6	141.7	..	..
CMLPen:Indx Inv	156.7	163.9	..	..
CMLPen:Man Cap	332.6	350.0	..	..
CMLPen:Man Inv	384.7	405.0	..	..

COMMERCIAL UNION
St Helen's, 1 Undershaft, EC3
01-283 7500

Var Ann Accum (S)	310.37		+0.74
Var Ann (S)	61.6		+1.3
Prime- Managed	245.8	256.8	-2.1
Prime- UK Equity	284.5	310.0	-1.8
Prime- Int Equity	179.9	189.4	-2.1
Prime- Property	143.6	151.2	+0.9
Prime- Fixed Interest	159.0	167.4	-0.3
Prime- Index-Linked	104.0	109.5	+0.2
Prime- Cash	130.8	137.7	+0.2

CONFEDERATION LIFE
50 Chancery Lane, London WC2A 1HE
01-242 0282

Managed Fund	668.6	703.7	..	..
Equity Fund	925.9	974.5	..	..
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Life Managed Acc	337.4	355.1	-4.4	..
Life Fixed Int Accum	250.6	263.7	-0.1	..
Life Equity Accum	419.3	441.3	-8.7	..
Life Money Accum	192.1	202.2	+0.2	..
Life Inv Trust Accum	422.0	445.2	-3.3	..
Life Ass Accum	308.4	324.6	-2.1	..
Life High Inc Accum	445.4	468.8	-9.5	..
Life Property Accum	200.0	210.5	+0.1	..
Crown Bnt Inv A	624.3	676.3	-40.8	..
Brown Equity	608.0	641.0	..	..
DBS Managed	208.0	219.9	..	..
Growth Accum	243.4	256.2	..	..

CRUSADER INSURANCE
Reigate Surrey RH2 8BL
07372 42424

Measured perf	92.5	97.5	+0.8	..
Performance Plus	87.7	92.8	+0.7	..
Inco Profit Perf	105.4	111.5	+0.1	..
UK Opportunity	118.6	125.7	+1.3	..
Euro Opportunity	76.8	80.4	+0.2	..

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
North Amer Opp	76.7	81.2	+1.3	..
Far East Opp	92.7	98.1	+1.1	..
Gth Prop Series 1	108.1	108.5	..	..
Gth Prop Series 2	112.0	118.5	..	..
Fixed Int	107.0	113.2	+0.5	..
Cash	103.2	109.2	+0.1	..
Managed Pens	91.5	113.9	..	..
Overseas	79.2	83.8	+0.7	..

EAGLE STAR INSURANCE
Bath Road, Cheltenham, Gloucester GL53 7LQ
0242 221311

Secure Fund	112.1	118.0	+0.1	..
Blue Chip Fund	144.1	151.7	-1.3	..
Adventurous Fund	153.6	161.7	-0.5	..
Performance Fund	156.6	164.9	-1.6	..

EAGLE STAR/MIDLAND
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01-588 1212

Eagle/Midland Units	177.9	184.4	-2.3	4.44

EQUITY & LAW
Amersham Road, High Wycombe
0494 33377

UK Equities Fund	487.9	513.5	-8.9	..
Higher Income Fund	516.7	537.5	-8.5	..
Property Fund	240.2	252.8	-1.2	..
Fixed Interest Fund	264.2	278.1	-0.3	..
Index-Linked Sec Fd	107.3	112.9	-0.3	..
Gtd Deposit Fund	116.3	122.3	+0.3	..
Managed Fund	211.4	222.5	+0.3	..
Far East Fund	332.5	350.0	+0.3	..
Europe Fund	178.6	187.9	+2.7	..
International Fund	261.6	256.4	+2.4	..
Mixed Fund	372.4	392.0	-0.8	..

FRIENDS' PROVIDENT
Castle Street, Salisbury, Wilts SP1 3SH
0722 336242

Managed (Mixed)	169.3	178.3	-1.8	..
UK Equity	205.6	216.5	-4.2	..
Stewardship	215.0	226.4	-3.0	..
Overseas Equity	158.4	166.8	..	..
North American	80.6	84.9	-0.4	..
Pacific Basin	93.9	98.9	-0.2	..
European	93.9	98.4	+0.7	..
Property	158.6	166.9	..	..
Fixed Interest	143.1	150.7	+0.3	..
Index Linked	102.0	107.4	+0.4	..
Cash	127.5	134.3	+0.1	..

GT MANAGEMENT
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FAMILY MONEY/1

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The members who win with a plc payout

The Abbey National Building Society's decision to covert from a mutual owned by its members to a company quoted on the Stock Exchange could still hold out the hope of windfall profits for those who hop aboard now.

There are two ways of becoming a winner when a building society sheds its mutual status – one is by getting a cash payout because you are ineligible to vote, and the other is by getting shares in the offer.

The cash payments will go to the under-18s and those who have less than £100 in their accounts. These are the people who will be excluded from the vote on whether or not to become a plc. They will get a one-off bonus reflecting the society's reserves. For Abbey National savers, the payments will be 4.6 per cent.

So an adult cannot stand to gain more than £4.60 – hardly worth the effort of trying to play the system. But a child with a bulging Mickey Mouse account could be in line for a larger payoff. An account with £1,000 would bring a £46 nest egg.

Conversion will take a year

But the real bonanaza should belong to the qualifiying members who will vote on the transfer. These adults with more than £100 in their accounts are the owners of the Abbey National.

The crucial day – qualifying day – will divide the share-winners from the rest. When the transfer papers are finally published, they will name the day and all those who have continuously held accounts with more than £100 in them for the two years before that date will be in line for shares.

Abbey National has said that it will be at least a year before it is ready for conversion. The legal and financial work, especially negotiations with the Bank of England, which will control building societies once they shed their mutual status and technically become banks, will not be speedy.

When the transfer agreement is published it is likely to specify a qualifying day three or four weeks back. Then two years before that day will mark the cut-off point between those who will qualify for shares and those who will merely get a payoff.

If the building society makes it to the point of being ready to transfer in less than two years then there is little point in trying to jump aboard the flotation for priority status now. But if you believe that these things tend to get dragged out so that the minimum of one year turns into a timetable of more than two years, then it is worth opening an account with the Abbey and keeping it well above the £100 mark.

Would it be ignoble for the Abbey to beckon new investors aboard with the lure of a part in the flotation? The way in which the flotation will be organized has not yet been settled. In theory there could be a simple transfer of shares to the members with no money-raising at all. But it is unlikely that a building society could forgo this one-off opportunity to raise fresh capital.

"I don't know how long it is going to take or when the qualifying day will be," said John Fry, corporate planning general manager at the Abbey. "The more the merrier, but I would not want to mislead anyone that they would get priority when they might not."

Unlike the TSB, where ownership was in doubt and it seemed that nobody owned the organization, the Abbey already has owners. So it would seem resonable that they should end up owning the original capital of the company.

Any new money could be raised either as a rights issue, or by a popular offer of sale. Other market factors apart, the price of Abbey shares will be most influenced by the extent of any new money-raising issue. A huge dilution of the original capital would not be looked upon favourably by the market, especially after the sight of the TSB raising such a huge pile of money and not being quite sure what to do with it.

It is not clear how any allocation of shares, or priority in a public ballot if that is how it is to be arranged, will be organized. But it is likely that there will be some apportioning so that the man with £3,000 in his account is given more than the man with £300. But this is not laid down in the Building Society Act, so in theory it could be one man, one vote, and one batch of shares or priority offer.

Anyone keen to participate in a building society flotation might do better to look to the other building societies working up to an announcement on whether they intend to go plc.

Four of the other top 10 building societies have admitted that they have appointed financial advisers to examine the pros and cons of going plc. The Halifax has appointed N.M. Rothschild, Leeds Permanent has Hambros Bank, Alliance & Leicester has Schroders, and National & Provincial has J.P. Morgan.

In the bank-building society pecking order, Halifax comes third behind National Westminster and Barclays, with Abbey National in fourth place.

Halifax's chief executive-elect Jim Birrell confirmed this week that it had not yet taken a decision on whether to abandon its mutual status. "No decision has been made in principle at this stage," he said. He added somewhat sourly that getting the right decision was more important than the timing of the announcement.

Investors should perhaps be more concerned about the terms they will be offered in the long run by former building societies. These organizations will have to have banking licences and will be free to call themselves banks, although the Abbey stressed this week that it had no intention of calling itself a bank. It may, however, be impossible to distinguish the former building societies from banks.

The main reason for becoming a plc is to break free of the constraints of the Building Societies Act. The terms of this Act have recently been loosened, so that, for instance, building societies can now make unsecured loans up to £10,000 rather than £5,000 and can raise up to 40 per cent of their funds from the wholesale markets rather than 20 per cent.

But these reforms have not been enough to convince the large building societies that they will have all the freedom they want to develop in new business areas.

They have been badly hit by the banks coming into the mortgage market and feel they are now competing with them with one hand tied behind their back.

It is not only the large societies that can compete head on with the banks, which are interested in taking on plc status. Smaller societies may find the idea of becoming plcs so that they can be taken over by a larger institutions such as insurance companies just as attractive. Building societies cannot be taken over as mutuals owned by their members. Only by converting to plcs can they surrender their independence.

Vivien Goldsmith

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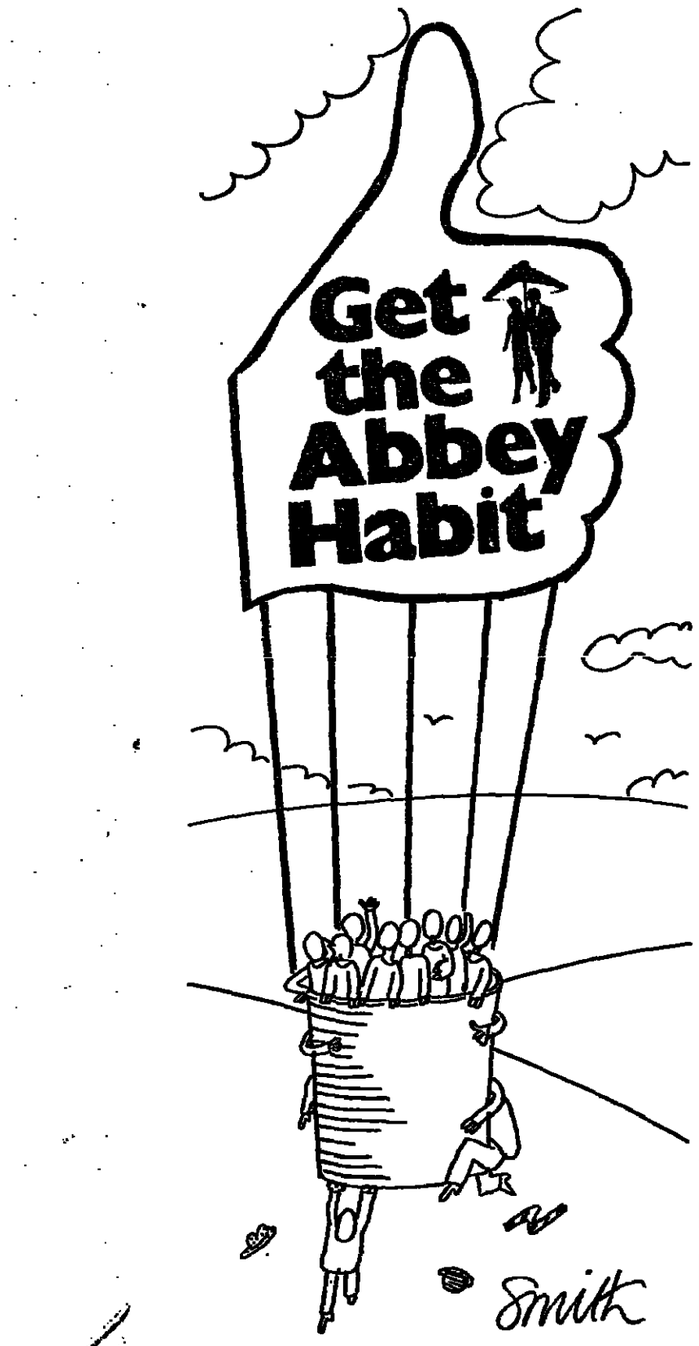
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The mortgage chase

Most people wait at least 10 weeks to complete the purchase of a property, according to the Building Societies Association.

For anyone rushing to beat the August deadline for multiple tax relief, it is an important figure to keep in mind.

The Chancellor said in the Budget that from August 1, tax relief on mortgage interest would be limited to £30,000 per property, rather than £30,000 per individual. There was confusion later about how people would be able to qualify up to the cut-off date.

The position was clarified this week and the Inland Revenue now says that for every individual involved in a purchase to qualify for relief it will need written evidence by August 1 that a loan has been offered and also evidence that there is a legally binding contract to purchase.

In England contracts normally become binding on exchange, whereas in Scotland it is on acceptance of a tender offer.

So there are four months in which to get a contract in place. Although some people manage to do this in a few weeks, for others it can drag on for months. How can you get yourself into the first group if you are trying to buy before the end of July?

The good news is that, in theory, it is becoming easier to do this. Mortgage lenders and to a certain extent, solicitors, are trying to achieve a speedier turn-around.

The Halifax Building Society, the largest mortgage lender, says it can usually get a mortgage offer out in seven working days but "if someone comes in and wants to exchange in four days we will pull out the stops".

Problems for less experienced lenders

The Abbey National reckons on about 10 days. The National Westminster Bank says it can get an offer out within 48 hours of receiving a satisfactory survey. This depends on how quickly the surveyor can get his job done.

Some of the newer and less experienced lenders have run into problems in processing mortgage applications. Chemical Bank, which is selling its British mortgage operation, for example, admits that at one stage towards the end of last summer it was taking three to four weeks to get offers out.

"We had an amazing inflow of business in the last quarter of last year and we hadn't geared up the infrastructure to meet the demand," explains Derrick Beardsley, director of marketing and planning for Chemical Bank Home Loans.

However, he says last year's problems have been sorted out and offers are going out in about 10 working days. Intermediaries, who do a lot of the groundwork in processing applications before sending them to the bank, can get answers in 24 hours.

Household Mortgage Corporation, which sells entirely through brokers, also aims to get offers out 24 hours after receiving an application. The total time, from approaching the broker to receiving the offers, should be little more than a week.

The Cheltenham & Gloucester Building Society says its record time for processing an application was two hours. This is exceptional, of course, but the society should be able to make an offer within 24 or 48 hours. Surveyors working for the society are now supplied with fax machines for their cars so that they can transmit the results of their surveys back to the society almost instantly.

Lenders are optimistic about their ability to keep up with their deadlines between now and August.

Simon Checkley, of brokers John Charcol, says he believes those that did run into trouble last year have learned from their mistakes. Processing time does vary from institution to institution but "we can quite comfortably get an offer within 10 working days".

During the next four months speed will be more important than usual for house-buyers because competition for properties will be fierce. Competition inevitably increases the risk of gazumping and the last thing buyers will want in the coming months is offers falling through for this reason.

The more quickly you can exchange, the less likely it is that you will be a victim and the greater your bargaining power over price. Sellers breathe much easier when they know their prospective buyer has the funds to complete the purchase.

But the mortgage is not the only potentially weak point in the process. Conveyancing, particularly obtaining local authority searches, can also chew up valuable time. In some London boroughs it is taking months to get searches completed.

Duncan Ogilvy, a conveyancing partner in the firm Mills & Reeve Francis, of Cambridge and Norwich, says that in trouble spots it is now quite common, and acceptable, for the vendor to obtain a search as soon as the property goes on the market. Normally it has been the buyer who has applied for the search.

Unmarried couples may benefit

Where buyers still have to get the searches themselves, they may be able to get the work done privately at a cost of £50 or £60 rather than by asking the local authority to do it. Mr Ogilvy cautions, though, that on private searches local authorities will not bear any liability for mistakes in the information.

Although most of those wanting to buy before August will be first-time buyers with no properties to sell, there may be some unmarried couples or groups wanting to trade up while retaining multiple relief. They will benefit from nudging along the sale of their own properties.

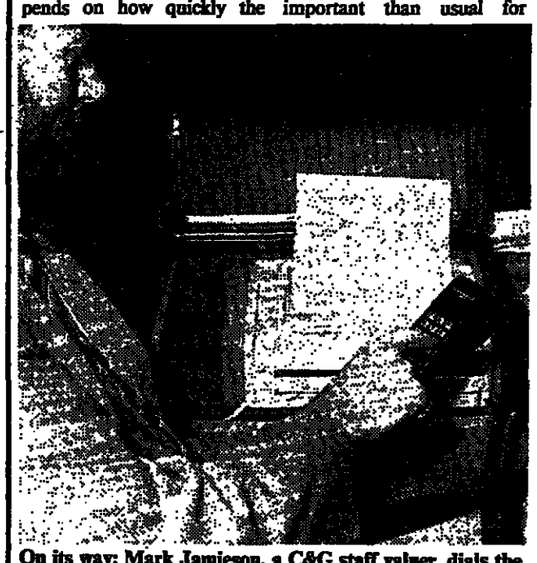
Leslie Dubow, general secretary of the National Association of Solicitors' Property Centres, an organization of solicitors who also sell property, says that in addition to recommending vendors' searches, some of his members have arrangements with building societies whereby the vendor can get a valuation report from the society. This will show whether there are any defects in the property that might prevent a lender from offering a mortgage.

According to the solicitors, however, the greatest obstacle to getting a contract in place is the chain.

Mr Ogilvy says: "If you are a first-time buyer and you are buying from someone with a property to sell, watch out. You cannot treat your purchase in isolation. It would pay to do as much research as possible into the chain to make sure that everyone is ready to move."

He also has a warning about buying in haste: "A bit of tax relief is not significant if you are not getting the right property."

Maria Scott



On its way: Mark Jamieson, a C&G staff valuer, dials the – branch fax machine with another valuation report

The couples who need flexibility

Unmarried couples and groups of friends who already have multiple relief on their mortgages or who manage to get it before August, should not be complacent about their benefit.

The Inland Revenue has said that "protection will continue only for the life of the protected loan and will not be extended to replacement loans".

A spokeswoman for the Revenue said she believed this would mean that remortgaging would disqualify the borrowers from receiving relief on the old basis. However, full details of the new system will not be available until publication of the Finance Bill.

Another grey area is the way multiple relief would be affected if one member of a group was bought out by someone else after August 1.

Brokers John Charcol say in their latest bulletin on the mortgage market: "Any mortgage facilities taken now must incorporate a degree of flexibility for the future since a re-arrangement of the mortgage after August will result in the new system of tax relief being applied."

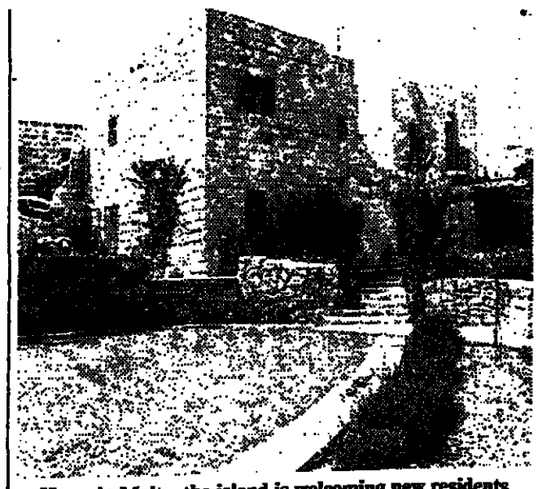
They give as an example borrowers wanting to convert to a fixed-interest mortgage after August 1. Usually this would require replacement of the existing loan with a new one but this could be avoided by seeking a loan that has the option to convert built in from the beginning.

Borrowers already getting multiple relief need to take care in another respect. Last month Family Money highlighted cases where unmarried couples paying unequal amounts of interest had been penalized by the Revenue in the amount of relief they could claim. Revenue guidance to lenders is that each borrower is entitled to relief according to the proportion of interest paid subject to the maximum limit.

The Revenue has said, however, that if the mortgage is paid from a joint bank account it will assume that the partners are contributing equally to the payments.

In one of its post-Budget press briefings about mortgage relief the Revenue stated that multiple relief would apply to existing loans after August 1 "so long as all the conditions for relief are met".

The message to those with more than one lot of relief on a single property must be to protect it by paying from a joint account.



Home in Malta: the island is welcoming new residents

Now Malta is beckoning

Malta's nationalist government, elected last May after 16 years of socialist rule, is keen to attract foreign investment to the island by encouraging foreigners to buy holiday homes and by offering tax incentives to foreign nationals to settle semi-permanently or permanently in Malta.

But restrictions remain – the most onerous is that no foreigner is allowed to rent out his Maltese home. So effectively there can be no income from it and the property may well stand empty for months at a time.

Leslie Agius, director of the Malta National Tourist Office in London, says this measure is to avoid speculation. There are further rules forbidding ownership of more than one property. Other rules limit house sales to a Maltese national for a minimum three-month period – should a local buyer then fail to materialize the property can be sold to anybody.

Owners of holiday homes and semi-permanent residents must spend a minimum of £13,800 on their property and permanent settlers not less than £34,400 on buying their home.

Essential purchasing costs amount to a further 6 per cent, which includes lawyers' fees. After the holiday home is sold the full sale proceeds, including all the profit, can be repatriated as there is no capital gains tax on Maltese property.

Foreigners may not purchase a property that is of historical interest or in a historical area. Arguments over what is historically interesting will be adjudicated by an independent architect. Mr Agius says: "If we sell our historical heritage to foreigners our people will never forgive us."

Before a commitment to purchase is made, a permit must be obtained from the finance ministry. This is normally granted within two or three months of application and needs to be accompanied by documentary evidence that the purchase money has been imported into Malta.

About 2,000 UK families now live permanently or semi-permanently in Malta – against a high of 5,000 in the 1960s. Attractive concessions have been introduced to appeal to the growing numbers of semi-retired. Tourists can normally spend a maximum of three months at a time in Malta, so purchasers wishing to stay say six months a year will be given an extended permit.

The local authority will require proof of income sufficient to support the temporary resident while he is on the island. As a guide a couple will be expected to bring in around £7,000 a year on which to live. Of this 14 per cent has to go in local taxes.

The Maltese-based estate agent Frank Salt says: "Temporary residents can normally arrange beneficial tax concessions for the rest of their income that is not brought into Malta, and they should take advice from either their own or one of our locally based tax consultants."

Aimed at the higher income bracket

The new permanent residents' scheme in Malta is aimed at the higher income bracket. A prospective resident must prove an annual income of £17,200 or prove a capital of £260,000, which does not have to be in Malta – although a minimum of £12,000 a year has to be imported and applicants for permanent residency cannot work on the island.

A flat rate of 15 per cent tax is payable on all income, less personal allowance, received in or remitted to Malta, with a minimum tax liablilty of £1,760. All personal and household effects, including a car, can be imported duty-free within the first six months of taking up residence.

The main concession made by the new government concerns death duties, which are now payable only on the deceased resident's Malta estate – and not on any assets held outside Malta.

Diana Wildman

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A new twist to investments

The Budget has given a completely new twist to the balance between income- and capital-producing investments. With income tax rates down to a maximum 40 per cent and capital gains beyond the Capital Gains Tax allowance taxed at the same marginal rate as income, there is suddenly little incentive to contort investments to maximize capital gains and minimize income.

High coupon gilts have a natural home in offshore funds where income is paid gross. This is particularly attractive to non-taxpayers, who would otherwise have to settle for income net of income tax unless they lived outside the UK.

But now that the distinction between income and capital is not so vital for those who have gains above the £5,000 limit operating for the next tax year, 1988-89, it makes sense to look at the total return from these gilt funds.

While the yield over the past year varies from 6.54 to 13.36 per cent, it is easy to see that some of this income is taken at the expense of capital.

The Govett High Income Fund, with its top-of-the-poll yield of 13.36 per cent, comes bottom of the league for total net return. And, conversely, the Cater Allen Gilt & Futures Fund which manages just 6.54 per cent yield, comes out top on total return.

MIM Britannia's Jersey fund is another with high yield but low total returns. Peter Dawson, the fund's adviser in London, says the aim of the fund is to maximize income, even at the expense of capital, and this is spelled out in the fund prospectus.

David White, chairman of Cater Allen Investment Management, is looking forward with glee to the reform of taxation of husband and wife. After 1990 married women will have their own personal allowance, which can be used to offset investment income. So if a married woman does not work, it will make sense to ensure that she is using her personal allowance.

If she does not have any income-producing investments of her own, her husband should transfer any he may hold to her, or reconstruct the family porfolio to make use of this allowance. "I shall be giving my wife assets," says Mr White. "She can have the dividends paid directly into her bank account."

There is a strong argument for buying professional management of gilts by investing via a fund. The gilts market is dominated by professionals and is a difficult field for an amateur to tackle.

The returns on onshore gilts unit trusts where income is taxed are way below the offshore counterparts with the sector that includes other fixed-interest securities, putting in an average total return of 6.7 per cent.

Deryk Haithwaite, investment director of Jersey-based stockbrokers Le Masurier, James & Chinn, says: "I take a rather jaundiced view of some of the marketing strategies of funds which project an unrealistic return and jeopardize the capital potential. People should not get carried away with income projections."

'Security of income will be appealing'

Mark Harvey, gilts fund manager with Sun Life, is bullish on the prospects for gilts: "In a very uncertain investment world, the security of income is going to appeal to a lot of people. In a roaring bull equity market, the Budget changes would have had no implications for the personal savings market, but as uncertainty and doubt rule, higher income is in favour as long as it isn't taxed out of existence."

The arithmetic of the Chancellor's borrowing requirements during the coming year means there will probably be a shortage of gilts in the market. Last year £13.5 billion worth of gilts were put on the market – but in the next 12 months it looks as if funding will amount to no more than £3 billion. Simple economics dictate that this will result in a rise in the price of gilts.

But there are other factors to take into consideration. It is possible that the economy will overheat and inflation will take off, damaging the prospects for gilts.

But Mr Dawson at MIM Britannia says he believes the economy is slowing down. The Budget tax cuts were aimed more at the wealthy, who are likely to put a high proportion of the extra cash into savings rather than fuel a spending boom.

"I think there is little downside in gilts – the question is wheter or not there is an upside," said Mr Dawson.

Martyn Turner, of the American securities house Merril Lynch, said yesterday's trade deficit of £720 billion was not as bad as it looked at first. The Treasury is now saying that January's sudden fall in exports caused by administrative changes will take longer than at first expected to correct in the official figures. Although he is cautious about the short-term prospects for gilts because of the trade figures, the falling dollar and falling equity markets, he believes that in six months' time gilts will have moved ahead.

If short-term interest rates zoom up, then long-term rates follow in the first instance, but Mr Turner expectes to see a downward sloping yield curve.

A useful facility is being added to new issues of gilts. It will enable buyers to have dividends on fresh government stocks paid gross and to reduce dealing costs when they want to sell.

This can be done through electing to have the gilts registered on the National Savings Stock Register.

In the past it has not been possible to do this with new issues of gilts. This has meant that those with new issues must receive their dividends net of tax and must use a broker when selling.

Brokers' charges for buying and selling gilts are higher than the costs levied for transactions through National Savings.

National Savings says that now most new stocks issued by tender or auction can be listed on the Register so that they qualify for the advantages. The first issue to get the new treatment is the £800 million of 8.5 per cent Treasury Stock 1994, announced on March 11.

Bargain takes longer by post

A disadvantage of dealing through National Savings is that the bargain is conducted through the post and will take longer than a deal through a broker.

The price is not struck until the seller's letter reaches National Savings, so the investor could be hit by a slide in prices while orders are in the post.

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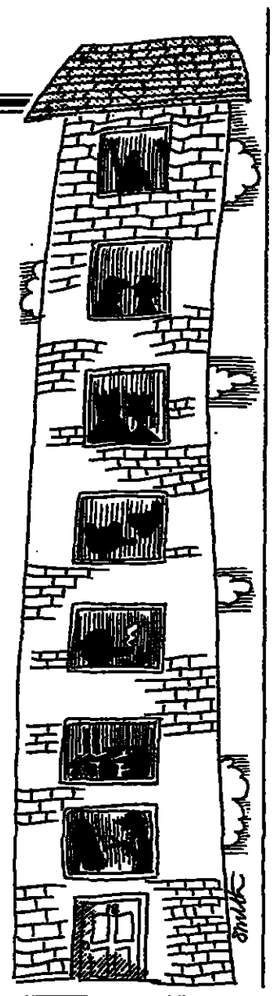
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Poll tax, the new community charge being introduced to replace the present rates system – often referred to as a tax on people rather than a tax on homes – is being introduced to a largely sceptical public next year.

It starts in Scotland in April next year, and an expected average of £200 will be levied on everyone who is over the age of 18.

The new community charge will be brought in piecemeal in England and Wales during 1990. The only exceptions are some of the London boroughs, which will phase in the change over four years.

Everyone over 18 will have to contribute a minimum of 20 per cent of the charge apart from certain exempt groups, including long-stay hospital patients and prisoners. So all but 500,000 of the 38.3 million adults in England and Wales will have to pay the tax, including the unemployed and students.

To counter the argument that the wealthy benefit to the detriment of the larger poorer families, the Government points out that 50 per cent of the cost of local services is funded from national taxation and 25 per cent by businesses and institutions. So on average the highest-paid 10 per cent of households will contribute 15 times as much to the costs as the lowest-paid 10 per cent.

At present only 18 million of the 35 million people entitled to vote contribute to the rates system.

Opponents of the new community charge ask how

Businesses pay national rate

checks can be made on the so-called "floating" population. For example, in London and other big cities, where many young people move from flat to flat or squat to squat, only the most idealistic person will be naïve enough to believe that the new scheme will be free of abuse.

Businesses will pay the poll tax at a nationally fixed rate and the income will go into a central fund for redistribution. This seems a fair system.

At present it appears that, although the national average payment will be between £200 and £300, those fortunate enough to live in the Isles of Scilly, contributing well under £100 a head, will pay less than any other UK citizen. Meanwhile, people in the London borough of Camden will be paying around three times the national average.

The 250,000 people who own a country cottage, seaside flat or a town apartment as well as their principal residence have been dealt with in rather a summary way.

If a family owns two homes the community charge will be payable by all adult members of the household in the area that contains their main residence. This is defined as the one registered with the Inland Revenue as their principal home. The poll tax charge on the second home will be entirely at the discretion of every individual local authority.

The standard community charge set by the local authority is not levied on every adult occupying a second home, but rather the local

Larger houses may rise in value

authority will multiply the individual charge by half, one, one and a half or two.

It may even charge nothing at all. So, obviously, if that authority wishes to encourage second home ownership, with its attendant spin-offs, it will charge accordingly less.

The councils that feel second-home ownership should not be encouraged may well choose to charge the maximum permitted – twice the set rate.

A by-product of the new system could well be an increase in the value of expensive larger houses. Under the present rating system these owners expect to pay more than the occupier of a small flat. Should each be occupied by two adults, irrespective of the number of young children the payment will be the same, thus substantially reducing the annual running costs of the larger property.

● The Woolwich Building Society says the poll tax will increase house prices initially by 11-15 per cent over five to six years. The argument is that rates represent 15 per cent of total housing costs, and a reduction in this cost will lead to an increase in demand for housing and therefore in prices.

This compares with the government estimate of a 5 per cent increase in house prices over 10 years.

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Shrunken head but expanding profits: a West End winner

An answer to the angels' prayers

The angels who dipped into their pockets to finance the revival of *South Pacific* in the West End are laughing all the way to the box office.

The show, claims the producer Ronald S. Lee, has recouped its costs faster than any other West End musical. After just nine weeks, the backers have had their stake money returned and are now looking forward to a long run of profit-sharing.

This *South Pacific* is no stingy production – it has 39 in the cast and 26 musicians – but costs were kept down by starting the show on the road to the 1,100-seat Prince of Wales Theatre in a subsidized theatre, the Theatre Royal, Plymouth.

"The *South Pacific* accounting statement is enough to make Broadway legit showmen weep with envy," says New York's *Variety* magazine.

The show was capitalized at £750,000, but, says Mr Lee, it would have needed more like £2.5 million if the run had not started in Plymouth, which has its own scenery-building facilities. The production paid the Plymouth theatre the difference between the cost of mounting one of its normal productions and the lusher *South Pacific*. The theatre also becomes a co-producer and gets a percentage of the profits from the London run.

In the West End, where seats cost up to £20, the show is generating a weekly £50,000 profit on turnover of about £130,000. Now the show has recouped its costs, investors get 60 per cent of the profits, and the producers – Mr Lee, the Theatre Royal, Plymouth, and Eddie Kulukundis – take 40 per cent.

Some of the investors put in as little as £1,500, but some contributed a great deal more. "I put in a hefty piece of change myself," says Mr Lee. Anyone who put in £12,500 would be entitled to 1 per cent of the profits.

The management is hoping for a two-year run and is also mounting revivials of *Brigadoon* with a cast of 40 and *Carousel* with a cast of 50.

Vivien Goldsmith

Rescuers pay out £100 bonuses

Special payments averaging £100 each are to be made soon to people who held policies with London Indemnity & General Insurance Company LIGI), which was snatched from jaws of receivership more than 10 years ago.

LIGI, originally part of Jessel Securities, which itself went into liquidation in 1976, ran into difficulties in the mid-1970s. It was rescued by a consortium of insurance companies and Barclays Bank in 1974. The Prudential took over the administration of the business and management of its investments.

The consortium discovered a substantial shortfall in assets and there was a 10 per cent reduction in benefits payable to policyholders. Most of the policies were income bonds.

Since the rescue the Prudential managers have succeeded in reversing many of the ill-judged investment decisions that contributed to LIGI's downfall, with some help from the long bull run, so that there is now a £5 million surplus to hand back to investors.

Some will go to the 50,000 policies that have run their course in the past 14 years, and there will also be some small improvements on the 3,000 policies still in force.

Dick Barton, the Prudential's deputy actuary, said the recovery supported the argument advanced at the time of the LIGI rescue, that it should be allowed to continue and not be put into liquidation.

Mr Barton said the *ex gratia* payments would start at £5 but the average would be £100. The task of tracing all the eligible policyholders would be "formidable" and inevitably some payments would not be reclaimed. If the unclaimed amount was large enough, it would be redistributed to the policyholders who had come forward.

Letters about the payments will go out in two or three weeks' time and the offer of the *ex gratia* payments will be open for two months from the date on the letter.

The Prudential will post the letters to policyholders' last recorded addresses but will make some attempt to trace those who do not reply. It is also appealing to those who think they may be eligible to write to LIGI at Dept LIGI/XS, Forbury House, 18-20 The Forbury, Reading, Berkshire RG1 3ES.

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Abolished: an incentive to care for the elderly

Thank you, Mr Lawson. At exactly the time that the Government publishes the Griffiths report on paying for community care, the Chancellor abolishes the only financial incentive for supporting the elderly, the dependent relative tax allowance.

This has remained at £145 for single women and £100 for others since at least the early 1970s and obviously needs to be substantially increased rather than abolished, as its value has been even further eroded by successive cuts in the rate of tax. The £290 allowance I get for helping support my parents is currently worth £78, not even the cost of visiting them once a week. The rise in my personal allowance of £180 will clearly not compensate for the loss of the £290, and with reduced mortgage interest relief because of the cut in the tax rate, I stand to be a net loser from this Budget.

Nor will my parents gain from the April social security changes. Their income support will be less than their current supplementary pension and from this they will have to pay their water rates and 20 per cent of their general rates. Though they are both chronically sick, they will not qualify for a severe disability premium on their income support, because to get this *both* of a couple have to be getting Attendance Allowance, itself a very difficult benefit to claim. My father gets it but my mother does not qualify, even though she is seriously ill, so this source of help is denied to them.

If I were to give up work to look after them, I could get the pathetically inadequate Invalid Care Allowance, lower even than unemployment benefit, topped up by income support to the magnificent level of £33.40.

Is this what the Government means by encouraging care in the community?
MARIAN NYMAN,
Wyatt Park Road,
London SW2.

● **Until April 6 any unused mortgage relief can be used by claiming tax relief on the mortgage of a dependent relative, but an individual is entitled to a total of only £30,000 mortgage interest tax relief, not an additional £30,000 for a dependent relative, as we indicated last week.**

The suffering parents

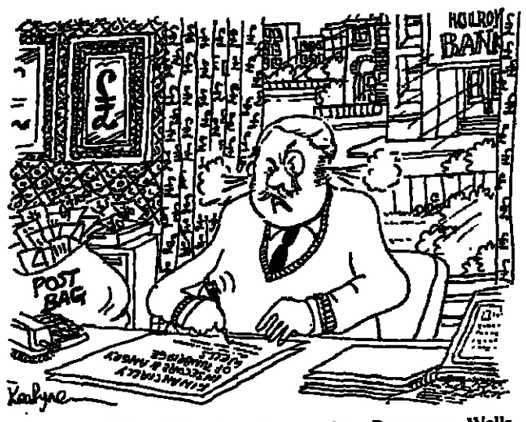
There is one astonishing aspect of the Chancellor's Budget proposals which appears to have gone unnoticed; it is astonishing because it appears to run counter to the Government's declared policy on education.

When Mr Lawson announced the end of tax relief on covenants, I imagine that thousands of parental hearts sank. Mr Baker has moved swiftly to allay their fears with his announcement of a compensating adjustment to the rates of parental contribution relating to student grants.

However, there was no similar annoucement, nor even the promise of one, in relation to the funding of school fees. Many parents have relied on the generosity of relatives entering into a covenant in order to assist with the payment of such fees. For those seeking to avail themselves of the Government's promise of wider choice in education, the associated tax relief has been a *lifeline*. In a few short sentences on a Tuesday afternoon Mr Lawson dashed the hopes and aspirations of parents like myself who had believed — mistakenly, it would seem — those promises so often repeated at last year's general election.

The parents who will suffer most are those in the middle income bracket, unable to obtain an assisted place because of government restrictions on their numbers, receiving comparatively little advantage from the Budget, and now denied even the moderate benefit of tax relief on a covenant. By comparison, those for whom the disappearance of such tax relief will matter little are those high earners, already well able to pay for private education, to whom the Chancellor gave sums equivalent to, or in excess of, the total needed to pay school fees.

Does anyone still believe that the Government wishes to widen parental choice in education? As always, actions speak louder than words!
A.B. REDDROP,
Monmouth Close,
Portishead, Bristol



Regarding E.R. Palmer's letter (March 12), I understand that if one pays money into one's Access account *before* going abroad, so that it is in credit, one can withdraw money abroad without paying 1.5 per cent or any other charge.

If this is so, it is much better value than using one's Visa card, as Mr Palmer suggests.

Unless one is going abroad for a very extended period, the loss of interest from, say, a building society account would be minimal.
P.P. DATTA,
Dukes Avenue,
London W4 2AA.

● **Access confirms that this is indeed possible but the practice of keeping a balance on an account is not encouraged because interest could be earned if the money was invested elsewhere.**

Care also needs to be taken to keep the account in the black. Interest on cash withdrawals is charged from the date of the transaction.

It is worth noting that one credit card, the Co-op Visa card, does pay interest on balances — the current rate is 5 per cent net.

However, there is a 1.5 per cent commission charge on cash withdrawals.

Your writer Rosemary Wells (March 19) discovered that a postal order was the most convenient and cheapest way to send money abroad.

The Post Office is also the best way to receive money from abroad.

Before Christmas I sent some books to a friend in Saskatchewan, a minister, who repaid me with a postal order in Canadian dollars.

The Royal Bank of Scotland refused to handle it — although at first they had said they would make a charge for the service — and the main post office in Cambridge, despite its international clientele, could not cope with dollars.

I telephoned Girobank international inquiries in Bootle, who expressed surprise that the bank could not handle the order as these would normally be forwarded to them as a matter of course by a high street bank's clearing house.

Alternatively, I could either open a Girobank account and deposit the postal order in that without any further inconvenience, or I could persuade my correspondent to send a postal order made out to sterling which would be processed in the normal way.
JENNY WARD,
Corona Road,
Cambridge.

Lawson's failure to do the double on CGT

With considerable ingenuity the Chancellor has tried to combine reducing the burden of taxation with making the collection simpler and fairer. I would suggest that in the case of Capital Gains Tax he has certainly failed in this objective. Apart from fixing a base date in 1982, he has retained all the complications of the present system that result in it being usually almost impossible for the non-expert to attempt to calculate his or her liability.

The problem with quoted shares can be difficult indeed, involving the effect of the index and of any rights issues that may have been taken up or sold. But the case of real property or chattels will be far worse. The valuation of such assets at a date many years prior to the sale could at best be difficult and at worst involve the seller in having to employ expensive experts to argue with the Revenue. Would the fees of such valuers be allowed as a taxable deduction?

Lastly, a sale of, say, real property, is likely to be a rare event for an ordinary person, but adding the whole proceeds to his or her income in the year of sale would be likely to raise the rate for anyone in the 25 per cent bracket to 40 per cent.

GEOFFREY B. HOLT,
The Long House,
Farringdon,
Alton,
Hampshire.

The Burgundy auction takes a tumble

CONAL GREGORY, Master of Wine, examines the new price trends in Burgundy

The wine auction at the Hospices de Nuits St Georges, France's second most important wine auction, held last Sunday showed a dramatic fall in prices — down 21 per cent on last year's.

But prices of older vintages are still rising and you should buy from current wine merchants' lists before the new duty rises take effect.

Merchants still have duty-paid stock at the pre-Budget prices. The lower prices from the wine auction are not likely to feed through to wine merchants for more than a year.

This charity sale is the first real opportunity for both the trade and private clients to assess last year's vintage and to see price trends after the secondary fermentation.

Although there is more publicity over the November auction in Beaune, the wines at that time are not showing well and much is left to chance.

The first auction at the Hospices de Nuits was in 1961 and was to raise funds for the 144-bed hospital. The vineyards are bequeathed and it is their produce that is put up for auction.

Most expensive knocked down

French buyers regard the event as prestigious, and there is keen competition to succeed with the first lot.

This year the total sales value for wine sold at the auction was 1.206 million francs, plus 3,900 francs for the local spirit, Fine de Bourgogne.

It is a sign of the investment opportunities that last year the most expensive lot (Nuits St Georges, Premier Cru, Cuvée Sires de Vergy) was knocked down for 110,000 francs to an American buyer. This year the most expensive lot was again the same wine but made only 20,000 francs.

Laytons (20 Midland Road, London NW1 2AD) secured two pieces of 228 litres of Nuits, Les Brulées and Les Terres Blanches through the noted Puligny-Montrachet House of Charton-Trebuchet.

Lawlers, of 88 South Street, Dorking, Surrey RH4 2EZ, acts for the distinguished House of Moillard. It purchased Nuits St Georges, Premier Cru, Les Didiers. It cannot supply direct but can advise Moillard stockists.

It is interesting to see the trend in the average price at the Nuits sale over the past seven years: 14,188 francs (1988), 17,950 francs (1987), 25,958 francs (1986), 17,437 francs (1985), 7,290 francs (1984), 13,131 francs (1982), and 10,691 francs (1981).

Christie's reports that at its fine wine sale on March 10 there was strong demand, which resulted in 123 out of the 410 lots on offer going either on or over the top of the estimate. As an example, Nuits Paget 1971 sold for £232 per dozen bottles and La Tache 1969 for £1,100 per six magnums.

White Burgundy is particularly firm, following the American demand for classic Chardonnay.

Magnums good for appreciation

In February Corton-Charlemagne 1983 from Chanson sold for £297 and Montrachet Baron Thenard 1976 for £572, in both cases per dozen bottles.

The Nuits auction results should stabilize the market, but there will still be keen demand for the top Burgundian estates.

International Wine Auctions, whose next sale is at the Cafe Royal on April 9 with almost 1,200 lots, offers red Burgundies back to 1947 (Drouhin) and white to Chevalier Montrachet 1982 (Leflaive).

Berry Bros and Rudd (3 St James's Street, London SW1A 1EG) has a good selection of Burgundies, including a significant number in magnums, which are good for appreciation purposes.

Peatling and Cawdron of Westgate House, Westgate Street, Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk IP33 1QS, has a helpful list — every wine has a tasting note.

Its Burgundian selection includes Meursault Clos de Cromin 1985 at £18.86 per bottle and the firm Corton Clos du Roi 1983 from Michael Voarick, domaine-bottled at £13.25.

Other lists to explore before their new editions include Tanners, of Shrewsbury, Alex Findlater, of Halesworth, Suffolk, Corney and Barrow, of London, and John Harvey's, of Bristol, Avon.

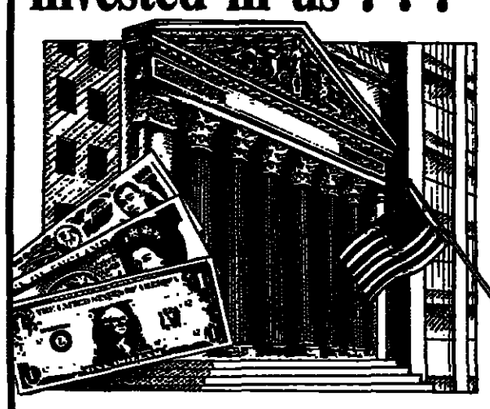
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Solicitors not wishing to give independent advice themselves under the Financial Services Act must refer clients to another organization that can provide it.

This means that a solicitor who might once have referred a client to a bank manager will not be able to do this unless the bank has chosen to become an independent intermediary. Only one of the four large clearers, National Westminster, has chosen this route under the rules of the Securities and Investments Board.

The decision has been made by the Law Society, one of the bodies allowed by the Securities and Investments Board to authorize its members under the terms of the Act. The Law Society has said members cannot become agents for one company's investment products, so they will not be able to refer clients to other agents. Some solicitors will, however, be offering independent advice themselves.

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But then you know enough to be uncomfortable about all of that, too. So you've been trying to figure things out for yourself from magazine articles, and the *adverts in the papers* . . .

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Here's an example for you. (Don't worry if you don't fully understand it — it's all carefully explained in the SPI course.)

YOU MAY HAVE BEEN AWARE some months ago that gold was starting to move up slowly — and everybody was busy advising everybody else to buy, buy, buy . . .

In the meantime a number of people quietly observed all this furious activity. And waited patiently for the *real* opportunity they knew would soon come.

(You see, simply buying gold when everyone else is buying, is a mug's game — a speculative gamble. The chances of an amateur getting out with a decent profit after paying sales commissions and taxes, are *very* slim.)

No — here's what *you* might have calmly done in the same circumstance, using just one little snippet of information from the SPI course . . .

You would have bought silver. Yes, *silver*.

Why? Because you would have been aware of these two simple facts:

FACT NO. 1: the price of an ounce of gold is *always* higher than the price of an ounce of silver.

"Big deal," you say. "Everybody knows that." Well, yes, but you would have combined that with:

FACT NO. 2: an ounce of gold is worth about 45 *times* the price of an ounce of silver. (You would also know that this difference in price is sometimes called the ratio or "spread.")

Now, at the time gold had started to move up you would have spotted that the spread between gold and silver had already drifted up to 70 instead of being around the more normal 45.

"LAST OCTOBER, when the stockmarket dropped, everyone lost their shirts, right? . . ."

So, quietly watching the situation develop, and with gold starting to move up steadily (which would widen the spread even more) you'd know silver would *have to shoot up dramatically* to "close the gap" again and bring the spread back to near normal. Sure enough, within weeks, silver took a spectacular leap — and the spread narrowed obediently back down from 70 towards 45 — raking in tidy profits of 81% and more.

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And what about last October when the stockmarket took a dive? Everybody lost their shirts, right?

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But where does all this get you *now*? What's the *first step*?

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An adapted kitchen that is just right: out of reach for many

Means test could end a nightmare

Home improvement grants for the disabled are an administrative nightmare, and the Government is keen to find a new way of sharing out the grant money.

At the moment, owner occupiers and private tenants can get help with equipment and adaptations from social services under the Chronically Sick Disabled Persons Act 1970, and from housing authorities under housing legislation primarily through home improvement grants. Public sector tenants also have access to social services help and to their local authorities.

Owner occupiers and private sector tenants may be offered either an "intermediate" grant, which is mandatory, or an "improvement" grant, which is discretionary.

If the disabled person's home lacks a standard amenity – such as a suitable inside toilet – a mandatory intermediate grant will be awarded. As long as the total cost does not exceed the "eligible expense limit", the applicant can get up to 75 per cent of the cost of the work, or up to 90 per cent in cases of hardship.

Grants can be used to adapt a home to make living with the disability easier – this can cover building a downstairs bedroom, bathroom and toilet, or redesigning a kitchen for use by a wheelchair-bound person. The combination of discretionary "percentage of costs" grants and "eligible expense limits" means that the system is restrictive and far from fair as some people cannot afford to pay even a small proportion of the cost.

Grants framework is essential

The 75 and 90 per cent figures are normally maximums and, although local councils are asked to give sympathetic consideration to the disabled, they have a discretion to pay a lower percentage. The discretion recognizes that authorities with scarce resources and almost no rationing mechanism – that is, means-testing is rarely part of the norm – must be given a framework for ensuring that as many customers as possible are at least served in part, especially where the grant is mandatory.

Indeed, many authorities are now concentrating their resources purely on mandatory grants and refusing applications for the discretionary home improvement grants.

The present eligible expense limit is £10,250. Yet the cost of both the examples quoted – a downstairs extension or a kitchen adaptation – would be much more. Even in a hardship case that *would* involve an element of means-testing, the most the applicant could expect would be £9,225 (90 per cent of £10,250). In practice 90 per cent is rarely awarded.

A ground-floor extension for bedroom, bathroom and toilet costs from £20,000 upwards depending on local building costs and the state of the foundations.

Those in need can apply for "topping-up" funds from social services departments. But they are likely to carry out their own means test.

Understandably, people with disabilities feel shoved from pillar to post with little success or satisfaction. It is no wonder that disability-related organizations are trying to devise a way to simplify the system, target money fairly where it is most needed, *and* follow the Environment Department's thinking.

The Centre on Environment for the Handicapped has put forward proposals, including making all grants discretionary.

Expenditure on mandatory grants can never be open-ended, so without means-testing expense limits will always have to be applied and applicants will never get a 100 per cent grant. The customer making costly adaptations, therefore, will always have to apply to social services or seek private finance to pay the rest. To make matters worse, tax relief on private loans will be abolished from April.

The Centre on Environment for the Handicapped also believes that *all* grants

Government may agree to trade-off

should be means-tested because it is the simplest and most effective form of targeting as much money as possible to those in most need. The Environment Department is willing to end the expense limit or raise it substantially. But some alternative mechanism for rationing must be established.

If the proposals of the Centre on Environment for the Handicapped were accepted, the applicant whose adaptation is a £20,000-plus extension would receive a 100 per cent grant, provided the means test was passed.

This might be compatible with the new Housing Benefit regulations, with an added threshold of, say, £10 per week for ordinary repair grant assessments. Most severely disabled people – and therefore those more likely to need costly adaptations – have limited income and should pass the means test.

The Environment Department may agree to an extra adaptation grant in exchange for abolishing mandatory grants. This would bring many more people into the system than a straight Housing Benefit assessment, and it shows positive discrimination in favour of those people with disabilities.

Charles Jackson

Portfolio PLUS NEW *Accumulator*

For readers who may have missed a copy of *The Times* this week, we repeat below the week's *Portfolio* price changes (today's are on page 29).

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LEGAL AND FINANCIAL

Ready to go over the top on the dreaded A-day

This April the Financial Services Act 1986 comes into force and solicitors are regarding its imminent arrival either with trepidation or keenness, depending on their preparations, says Frances Gibb

A furious flurry of activity has broken out in solicitors' firms up and down the country: countdown to A-day has started. The day – dreaded by some, eagerly awaited by others – that the Financial Services Act 1986 comes into force will finally arrive at the end of April; the actual date has yet to be announced.

For some it marks the climax (but by no means end) of months of preparation; for others, only now waking up to the Act's implications, a nasty shock.

A sign of growing alarm comes in this week's *Law Society Gazette*. Stephen Gerlis expresses the "considerable concern" of his local law society in West London that the Law Society headquarters has not issued clear guidance "in comprehensible language" as to what work solicitors should avoid if they are to escape having to register under the Act. Without it, he gives warning, his society will seek counsel's opinion on the matter.

Clearly the temptation to escape the Act's controls are great. But like it or not this may prove difficult. Walter Merricks, an assistant secretary general at the Law Society, says it "would not be useful and could be positively dangerous" to try, even if possible, to give guidance that might encourage firms to try to practise without authorization.

Big City firms not the most interested

"The act is so widely drawn that many of the typical activities of a solicitor's firm either come within, or are capable of coming within, the Act." To carry on normal practice without authorization would require considerable knowledge and sustained care to ensure nothing amounting to investment activity was ever carried out by anyone in the firm.

So it looks as if nearly all, if not all, solicitors' firms will be caught. What does this mean in practice? It means that any firm which gives investment advice – and this is broadly drawn under the Act – must be certified to carry on its business.

There is a temporary breathing space: all firms are initially authorized to carry on investment business under the Act by the society, itself approved as a Recognized Professional Body with responsibility for the rules solicitors must comply with and for monitoring that compliance. By the summer though, firms will have to make their own applications for registration to the society and pay their fee.

Thus far most solicitors are aware. But from there on, there is a huge gap between what firms can and have done in readiness for A-day. Charles Maggs, of the Law Society, says: "The firms most interested (from the standpoint of the new areas of financial advice work it opens up) are not the big City firms. Many of them don't do investment business and would pass on clients wanting advice to a stockbroker, for instance."

It tends to be the larger firms outside London and the non-City firms, who see themselves as providing a wide range of services to the client and more as looking after their affairs."

The firms likely to have most trouble are the smaller firms which do just a little investment business and where "the amount of energy they have to invest in understanding the rules is disproportionate to the work involved."

Peter Bagwell Purefoy, of Thomson Snell and Passmore in Tunbridge Wells, is typical of the provincial firm itching to get into the financial advice market. Bagwell Purefoy is author of the solicitor's key tool in complying with the Act: the Law Society's own guide – a sort of car manual – to its "Solicitors' Investment Business Rules 1988," due out next month; and he is comfortingly optimistic.

"The view I take is that the Act will not be nearly as much of a problem as some people say." The Act, he says, merely requires solicitors to do what they have always done but in a "rather more structured way."

Records will have to be kept differently: "the way in which one receives and gives instructions will have to be kept in a central register, for example." For a firm of any size which has not already got one, this will mean a computerized data base.

Extra red tape aside, the Act gives firms like his a chance to move right into financial advice work. Any solicitor under the Act will be able to do so-called "discreet investment business" (that is, extra to his everyday work) and remain within the Law Society's rules, if this does not exceed 20 per cent of income.

Firms which want to do more must apply to another SRO for authorization under the Act. Thomson Passmore has already done just this so its two "hived off" companies, one in insurance broking, the other investment management, can operate freely. And on the basis that many of the big City firms will want to pass on such work, he believes it could provide a new link-up for client referral between the provinces and the City.

For the City firms the Act signals rich rewards in other respects. Already it has proved a massive work-generator just in advising clients on the compliance aspects and implications and most firms have several partners working on the Act full-time. Linklaters has 19, plus 43 assistant solicitors, for example; Cameron Markby five.

Tim Herrington who heads a 15-strong team of FSA specialists at Clifford Chance after his secondment to the Securities and Investments Board, is occupied full-time in advising clients. This alone is fraught with problems: "We are faced with the extremely unsatisfactory nature of the proposed rules as they stand; and we still don't even have the final rule books from some self-regulatory organizations."

Actions brought to test the Act in the courts

Accountants tell the same story. Deloitte Haskins and Sells has handled "well over 100 assignments" advising clients on the Act in the past year, while Peat Marwick is spending £ 980,000 on training its own staff in the Act and estimates it will spend another £ 500,000 to set up and organize its own compliance.

And this is just the start. When the Act comes into force, there will be actions putting it to the test in the courts; and, under its new provisions, damages claims – which can be brought on a group or "class" basis – for alleged breaches of the rules where loss is suffered.

Lord Hacking, of Richards Butler, says the Act is full of difficult and complex definitions: the next step will be testing how these operate in practice and "first and foremost, whether the advice to clients on what is investment business is right or not."

It could lead to endless debate. As Mr Herrington puts it: after A-day, "we will not be packing up our bags and doing something else." We have not really woken up to what it means.

European Law Report — **Luxembourg**

Recognition of foreign judgments

Hoffmann v Krieg
(Case 145/86)

Before Lord Mackenzie Stuart, President and Judges G. Bosco, G. C. Rodriguez Iglesias, T. Koopmans, K. Bahlmann, R. Joliet and T. F. O'Higgins

Advocate-General M. Darmon
(Opinion July 9, 1987)
[Judgment February 4]

The Brussels Convention contained no rule requiring a judge of a state in which recognition of a judgment in another state was sought, to make the effect of a judgment of that state granting a divorce subject to the recognition of that judgment in the state of origin of a foreign decision on maintenance.

The parties were German nationals who had married in 1950. In 1978 the husband left the matrimonial home in the Federal Republic of Germany and settled in The Netherlands. On August 21, 1979, the Amtsgericht Heidelberg, ordered the husband to pay the wife maintenance.

On application by the husband the Arrondissementsrechtbank (district court), Maastricht, dissolved the marriage by a default judgment of May 1, 1980, applying German law, in accordance with Dutch rules.

That divorce judgment, which fell without the scope of the Brussels Convention on Jurisdiction and the Enforcement of Judgments in Civil and Commercial Matters (OJ No L 304 of October 30, 1978, p36), had not been recognized in the Federal Republic of Germany at the material time.

On July 29, 1981, the President of the Arrondissementsrechtbank, Almelo, granted the wife an order for enforcement of the maintenance order of the Amtsgericht, Heidelberg, in accordance with article 31 of the Brussels Convention.

On February 28, 1983, the wife obtained a garnishee order against the husband's employer. The husband applied to the President of the Arrondissementsrechtbank, Almelo, for a provisional lifting of the order.

He was successful at first instance. However, on appeal the Gerechtshof (Appeal Court), Arnhem, rejected his application. He then appealed to the Hoge Raad der Nederlanden (Supreme Court of The Netherlands) which stayed the proceedings and submitted five questions for a ruling.

In its judgment the Court of Justice of the European Communities held as follows:

The Convention was intended to facilitate, so far as possible, the free movement of judgments and was to be interpreted in that spirit. The recognition of a foreign judgment under article 26 of the Convention should have the effect of giving decisions the authority and effect they had in the state where they were delivered.

In the light of the circumstances of the main proceedings, the second question sought in substance to determine whether a foreign decision which was accompanied by an enforcement order issued in a contracting state, pursuant to article 31 of the Convention, was to continue to be enforced in all cases where it remained capable of enforcement in the state of origin, even where in accordance with the legislation of the state in which enforcement was sought, enforcement could not be ensured.

In the present case, the decision whose enforcement was at issue ordered a husband to pay maintenance to his wife. Consequently, it was necessary to examine whether the dissolution of the marriage, declared by a court of the state in which recognition was sought, could prevent enforcement of the foreign decision, even in the case where the latter remained enforceable in its state of origin, in the absence of recognition of the divorce decree.

In that regard it was to be noted that paragraph 1 of the second indent of article 1 of the Convention excluded the status of natural persons from its scope and that the Convention contained no rule requiring a judge of a state in which recognition was sought to make the effect of a judgment of that state ordering a divorce subject to recognition of that judgment in the state of origin of a foreign decision on maintenance. That finding was confirmed by article 27(4) of the Convention.

It followed that the Convention did not prevent a judge of the state in which recognition was sought from drawing the consequences of a national judgment declaring a divorce in the context of the enforcement of a foreign maintenance order.

The third question sought in substance to establish whether a foreign decision ordering a husband to pay maintenance to his wife was irreconcilable, for the purposes of article 27(3), with a national decision which dissolved the marriage of the spouses or whether such a forcign decision was contrary to public policy in the state in which recognition was sought within article 27(1).

The provisions whose interpretation was requested laid down the grounds for not recognizing foreign judgments. Under the second paragraph of article 34, those were the same grounds which justified refusal of enforcement.

Recourse to the public policy provision, which was to be made only in exceptional cases, was in any event excluded where, as in the present case, the problem submitted was that of the compatibility of a foreign decision with a national decision since that problem was to be resolved on the basis of the specific provision of article 27(3), which dealt with the case where the foreign judgment was irreconcilable with a judgment given in a dispute between the same parties in the state in which recognition was sought.

In order to establish whether a judgment was irreconcilable for the purposes of that provision, it was necessary to examine whether the decisions in question led to legal consequences which were mutually exclusive.

It appeared from the file that in the present case an enforcement order had been granted in respect of the foreign maintenance order at a time when the national decision declaring a divorce had already been delivered and had become *res judicata*, and that the main proceedings related to the period following the divorce.

In those circumstances the decisions in question led to legal consequences which were mutually exclusive. The foreign decision which necessarily presupposed the existence of a matrimonial bond, would have to be executed although the bond had been dissolved by a decision given between the same parties in the state in which recognition was sought.

The fourth and fifth questions sought to establish whether article 36 of the Convention was to be interpreted as meaning that a party who had not brought proceedings against the order for enforcement provided for in that provision could, at the stage of enforcement of the decision, no longer raise a valid objection which he might have raised in the context of an action against the order for enforcement, and whether that rule was to be applied automatically by the courts of the state in which recognition was sought.

In order to reply to those questions, it was necessary to recall first that, in order to limit the requirements to which enforcement of judgments given in contracting states might be subject in another contracting state, the Convention had provided a summary procedure for granting of an enforcement order, which might only be refused for reasons set out in articles 27 and 28.

Nonetheless, the Convention merely regulated the procedure for obtaining an order for the enforcement of foreign enforceable instruments and did not deal with execution itself, which continued to be governed by the domestic law of the court in which execution was sought.

Consequently, the enforcement of a foreign decision with an enforcement order took place in accordance with the procedural rules of the national law of the judge concerned.

It followed that means of appeal available under national law were excluded where an appeal against enforcement of a foreign judgment accompanied by an enforcement order was brought by the same person who could have brought an appeal against the application for enforcement and was based upon a reason which might have been raised in the context of such an appeal.

In those circumstances to dispute the enforcement would lead to a calling in question of the enforcement order outside the strict time limit laid down by the second paragraph of article 36 of the Convention and as a result would deprive that provision of its purpose.

The imperative nature of the time limit laid down in article 36 required the national judge to ensure that it was observed. It was therefore for him, of his own motion, to declare an action inadmissible where it was based upon national law where such an action would lead to a re-opening of that time limit.

That rule, which followed from the scheme of the Convention, could not however be applied where, as in the present case, it would require the national judge to ignore the effects of a national divorce decree, which was excluded from the scope of the application, on the ground that that judgment could not be recognized in the state of origin of the foreign decision whose enforcement was in question.

On those grounds the European Court ruled:

1 A foreign decision recognized pursuant to article 26 of the Convention should, in principle, produce the same effects in the state in which enforcement was sought as it had in the state of origin.

2 A foreign decision which had been granted an enforcement order in one contracting state pursuant to article 31 of the Convention and which was still enforceable in the state of origin, could not continue to be enforced in the state in which enforcement was sought where, according to the legislation of that state, enforcement could no longer take place for reasons which fell outside the scope of the Convention.

3 A foreign decision ordering a husband to pay maintenance to his wife pursuant to his obligations of maintenance following from a marriage, was irreconcilable, for the purposes of article 27(3) of the Convention, with a national decision decreeing a divorce between the spouses concerned.

4 Article 36 of the Brussels Convention was to be interpreted as meaning that a party who had not brought an action against the enforcement order provided for by that provision could, at the stage of enforcement of that decision, no longer put forward a valid objection which it could have raised in the context of an appeal against enforcement, and that rule was to be applied automatically by courts in the state in which enforcement was sought. However, that rule was not applicable where it would have the consequence of requiring a national judge to subject the effects of a national judgment which fell outside the scope of the Convention to its recognition in the state of origin of the foreign decision whose enforcement was in question.

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BOXING: A KING'S HALL SEQUEL THAT COULD PROVE TO BE ANOTHER CONTEST OF THE YEAR

First three rounds will be crucial for McAuley

By Srikumar Sen, Boxing Correspondent

They say sequels are never quite the same as the original, be it *Son of Jaws* or *Dracula's Daughter*, but the return between Fidel Bassa, of Colombia, the world flyweight champion, and Dave McAuley, of Northern Ireland, could prove to be another classic when they meet at the King's Hall, Belfast tonight.

In their previous encounter in April 1987 the two men were on the floor early and the crowd at the King's Hall were on their feet when the two boxers were out on theirs in the thirteenth round. The bout was voted "The Fight of the Year".

McAuley, who had the champion down five times and was ahead on points on the cards of the three judges, could not hold on. "Had the fight been over 12 rounds, we would have won," the Irishman said. This time the bout is over 12 rounds, the World Boxing Association having reduced their championship distance from 15 rounds.

So Ireland should have its first flyweight world champion since Rinty Monaghan won it 40 years ago — that is if McAuley can get past the first three rounds safely. While his corner believe that he can look after himself once he has found his feet they have been a little concerned about his lack of defence.

McAuley's trainer, Eddie Shaw, has put him through 12 weeks of vigorous training with three Panamanians to teach him to keep his hands up and chin out of the way. But even yesterday they were not certain that McAuley would remember the lessons in the heat of the battle.

His manager, B. J. Eastwood, said: "Dave is the heaviest puncher in the flyweight division, but he has one big fault: he leaves himself wide open when he throws punches. I expect the champion will come looking for him in the first three rounds, but if Dave can get past those rounds he should stay in front and win."

Bassa is a fine boxer and can drop a knockout punch on the chin with Latin finesse. His manager, Billy Chamms, is not worried that McAuley was in front at their last meeting and that had it been a 12-round contest the Larne boxer would have been the winner. "Had it been 12 rounds last time, we would have had a different fight plan," Chamms said. According to Chamms, Bassa went down five times against McAuley because he never recovered from a serious butt in the third round.

This time McAuley might find Bassa a stronger boxer. While he has not changed his style, mentally he is a different fighter. He is more confident, having defended his title twice, drawing with the former champion, Hilario Zapata, in Panama and out-pointing Felix Marty comfortably after having Marty on the floor in the first round. Bassa has come fully prepared having completed his sparring in Colombia.

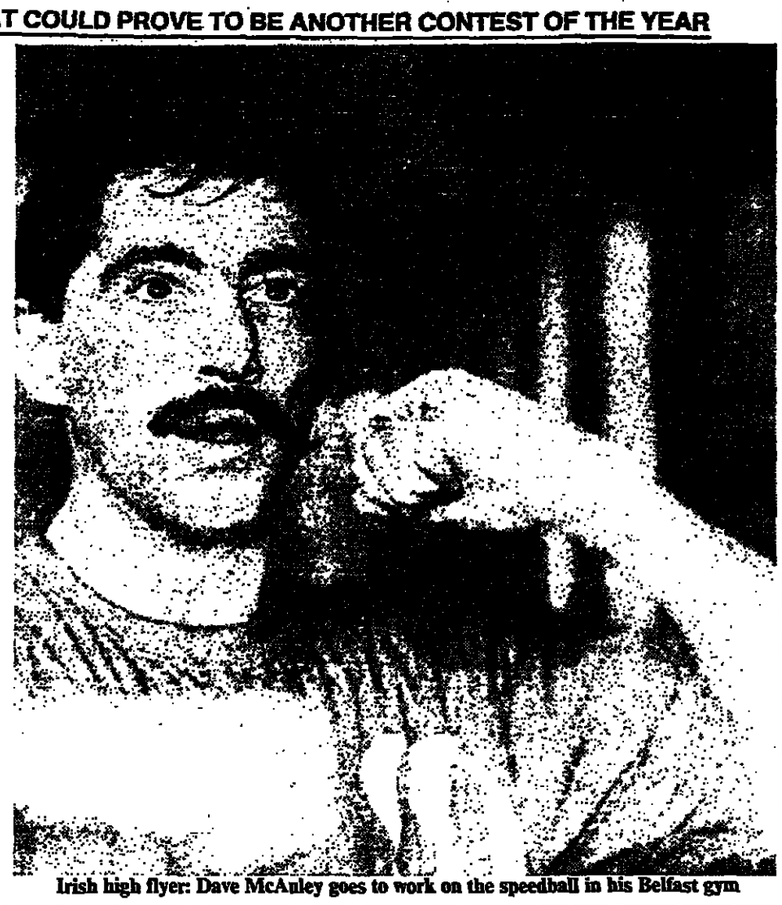
The King's Hall holds no fears for the Colombian. "The last time it was the first time out of Colombia for Bassa," Chamms said. "But he has seen other countries now, Panama and South Korea. We could have gone to Korea but we decided to come here. We like Belfast because they understand boxing here."

Tale of the tape

McAuley		Bassa
28	Age	25
8st	Weight	8st
5ft 7½in	Height	5ft 5in
60in	Reach	59in
	Chest	
35in	Normal	32½in
36½in	Expended	34in
11in	Biceps	10in
27in	Waist	27in
18in	Thigh	18in
12½in	Calf	13in
14in	Neck	14½in
6¾in	Wrist	7in
10½in	Fist	10in
7½in	Ankle	8in

RECORDS

McAuley: 12 wins (8 inside the distance), 2 draws, 1 defeat.
Bassa: 19 wins (14 inside the distance), 1 draw, 0 defeats.



Irish high flyer: Dave McAuley goes to work on the speedball in his Belfast gym

BOWLS

Semi-final outing for Cotswold

By Gordon Allan

Cotswold, of Stroud, make their first appearance in the semi-finals of the McCarthy and Stone national indoor club championships when they play Hartlepool at Rugby Thornfield today. In the other match City of Ely meet Cyphers. The final is tomorrow.

The Cotswold team includes Paul Nelmes, Mike Jordan and Tony Allcock who won the national triples at Hartlepool last week. Allcock missed the quarter-final win over Torbay because he was in the world outdoor championships in New Zealand. His No. 2 is Roger Hook, whose father Norman and brother Graham skip the other rinks, along with Peter Sully.

Hartlepool and Cyphers have each won this event three times.

Cotswold: Rink 1: P Nelmes, N Wheeldon, R Rayer, P Sully. Rink 2: G Gabb, N Dolphin, G Hawkins, N Hook. Rink 3: D Howes, R Hook, M Jorden, A Allcock. Rink 4: S Elms, T Webb, F Abbott, G Hook.

MOTOR SPORT

Birmingham given sponsorship boost

By Dennis Shaw

The prospect of Formula One racing around the streets in Britain has been strengthened by a £1 million sponsorship from Halfords of the Birmingham Super Prix. The arrangement, announced yesterday, will ensure the survival of the event until 1990, by which time the organizers hope it will meet legislative demands by showing a profit.

Also in that time significant attempts are being made to achieve Formula One status. Councillor John Charlton, the motor racing sub-committee chairman on the City council, said: "We are delighted to be told we have landed the biggest single contract in European motor racing."

He added that meetings had been held with the racing authorities on the question of full Formula One status being granted. "The consumer public will demand it," he added. "We have a potential audience of four and a half million within 20 minutes of the circuit."

Plans for this year's festival, beginning on Sunday August 28, were unveiled with details of a substantial brightening up of the 2.4 miles, circuit by means of spectacular floral displays. The five-race weekend has been given an added impetus this time by the inclusion of the Pirelli Porsche Challenge championship and the Vauxhall Opel European championship.

One problem facing the City is the insistence by FISA, the sport's governing body, on a three-day schedule in 1989 to give an additionaal practice day. To achieve this a change in the Act of Parliament controlling the extent of permissable street racing has to be made.

The Birmingham race has had a chequered start with a wash out of the 1986 event. But with the increased sponsorship Birmingham council hopes to break even this year

MOTOR CYCLING

Gardner's victory depends on rising sun

Suzuka (Reuter) — Wayne Gardner, the world 500cc champion, faces a battle against the weather as well as his opponents in tomorrow's Japanese grand prix, this year's opening race.

Gardner, aged 26, the first Australian to win the crown, scored a runaway victory in the championship last season, finishing 20 points ahead of his closest rival, Randy Mamola, of the United States.

Eddie Lawson, of the United States, the 1986 world champion, whose Yamaha was plagued with mechanical troubles throughout last season, finished a disappointing third place, one point behind compatriot Mamola. But Gardner recorded all his seven victories on dry surfaces and his less distinguished performances in three grand prix events in the rain highlighted his recurring problems in the wet.

Yesterday's first practice runs were held in a light drizzle and weathermen predicted another day of rain today with prospects of better weather tomorrow.

The Australian, though, remains favourite to win the season's opening event at this 5.9-kilometre extended figure-eight course.

"We will give it our best shot," Gardner said after a few test runs on his new machine. "I want to win more than seven this year, but the most important thing is the championship."

Tadashiko Taira, of Japan, finished yesterday's official practice first in 2min 32.007sec, followed by Lawson, Kevin Schwantz and Gardner.

Two more rounds of official practice are scheduled today.

Gardner predicted that tomorrow's race would be a battle between himself, Lawson, Niall MacKenzie, of Britain, and possibly Didier de Radiques, of Belgium.

He was non-committal when asked how he thought Mamola, who switched from Yamaha to the Italian Cagiva machine this season, would do in the race. Cagiva is the only European maker to challenge the dominating Japanese manufacturers.

A field of 36 drivers are expected to race in tomorrow's 500cc event. A new points system, where the winner gets 20 points instead of the previous 15, will favour finishers

In the 250cc class, Anton Mang, of West Germany, last year's drivers' champion, will lead a field of 36 drivers.

LEADING PRACTICE TIMES: 1, T Taira (Japan), Yamaha, 2min 32.007sec/2-42.187; 2, E Lawson (US), Yamaha, 2:32.519/2:43.015; 3, K Schwantz (US), Suzuki, 2:32.536/2:48.221; 4, W Gardner (Aus), Honda, 2:33.169/2:39.029; 5, C Sarron (Fr), Yamaha, 2:33.169/2:39.581; 6, W Raney (US), Yamaha, 2:33.334/2:45.240.

Yachting diary

San Diego plan is a serious case of overkill

From Barry Pickthall, San Diego

Only court action will stop the San Diego Yacht Club from defending the America's Cup in a catamaran. Rumours that the club was building a 90ft waterline monohull at a secret location in Los Angeles appear to have been no more than wishful thinking on the part of those who see Sail America's proposed defence as a travesty of justice.

"Defending the Cup with a multihull is no different to agreeing to a duel with pistols, then turning up with a machine gun. It's both unfair and un-American," Peter Jansson, editor of the United States magazine, *Motorboating and Sailing*, said.

Bill Ficker, who skippered Columbia in the 1967 defence trials and steered Intrepid to victory in 1970, is equally concerned. "I find the stance taken by Sail America quite extraordinary."

John Griffiths, who headed America's Eagle 12-metre syndicate during the last Cup series off Fremantle, was more cynical. "San Diego's problems lie in the last three letters of their name: Ego."

Overkill signs in scale model

Gerry Driscoll, who heads the San Diego Cup committee, is also against the idea but is powerless to do anything about it because the club has signed away all its rights to the Sail America Foundation, headed by Malin Burnham, a real estate developer.

To underline San Diego's commitment to defending the Cup with one of two 60ft wing masted catamarans now nearing completion at a boatyard at Capistrano Beach, John Marshall, Sail America's technical director, was testing running sails aboard Patient Lady IV, the C-class catamaran, in San Diego harbour this week.

Judging by the pace this two-man multihull displayed in the calm waters close to the Cup course, it is hard not to believe that a 60ft six-man catamaran is close to overkill when racing against a monohull twice its size.

Sail handicap worth trial

Following the successful introduction of on-the-water referees at the Congressional Cup match race championship at Long Beach last week, one of the adjudicators, Bryan Willis, of Britain, has returned home with a number of suggestions to improve the system for the Lymington Cup, sponsored by Duracell, in May.

Unlike Eddie Warden Owen, the British skipper, who wants to see time rather than physical penalties imposed, Willis is in favour of a combination of the two. He believes that guilty crews must be seen to be penalized for rule infringements and suggests that a call to drop their genoas would be a suitable handicap.

During pre-race trials at Long Beach, this counted towards a two-boat length disadvantage which most skippers agreed was too lenient. However, Willis argues that the gap can be extended by forcing the bowman to hold on to the head of the sail for a specified period, appropriate to the crime, before the sail is rehoisted.

Second leg to Italians

Charlotte Amalie, Virgin Islands (AP) — Moro De Venezia, the Italian Maxi II, skippered by the Australian America's Cup helsman, Iain Murray, won the second of six races in the maxi world championships on Thursday, held over the 27-mile round St John course.

Il Moro, owned by Raul Gardini, finished in 3hr 25min and 16sec, 3:20 ahead of the second-place American maxi, Kialoa V, skippered by Jim Kilroy and assisted by Dennis Conner.

Kialoa V, Ondine III, of the United States, and Esmerande, a French maxi, all crossed the starting line before the gun, the restart costing Kialoa about two and a half minutes. Ondine was the third boat to finish, in 3:30.06, ahead of Swiss boats, Z3333 and Milene, who finished fourth and fifth respectively, followed by Esmerande, and Inspiration, of West Germany.

● Ireland is to mount a challenge for the Whitbread round the world yacht race trophy for the first time next year. Sail Ireland, which has already raised £1.5 million in sponsorship to build an 82ft maxi, has launched an appeal to private businessmen to raise a further £2 million to enable it to enter the 32,000-mile race which starts at Portsmouth on September 2, 1989. Harold Cudmore, Britain's America's Cup skipper, is assisting the venture but will not be competing.

Court of Appeal

Law Report March 26 1988

Chancery Division

Court cannot enforce US bail bond

United States of America v Inkley

Before Lord Justice Purchas and Mrs Justice Heilbron

[Judgment March 25]

The High Court in England had no jurisdiction to entertain proceedings by the United States of America to enforce an "appearance bond" of $48,000 given by a British subject released on bail in Florida to stand trial before a grand jury there. The substance of such an action was not of a civil nature but was the enforcement of a public law remedy in the nature of a penal proceeding and not enforceable in the English courts.

The Court of Appeal so held in allowing an appeal by Mr Harold Inkley from an order of Mr Justice Gatehouse in October 1987 that had reinstated a default judgment against him of £34,096 in favour of the USA.

Mr C. A. Critchlow for Mr Inkley; Mr A. W. Layton for the USA.

LORD JUSTICE PURCHAS, giving the reserved judgment of the court, said that in 1983 Mr Inkley, a British subject, was arrested in Florida and charged with offences of fraud. In September 1983, having entered into an "appearance bond" he was released on bail of $48,000 by the US District Court for Southern Florida.

Soon after, Mr Inkley's father died and he obtained the return of his passport to attend the funeral. Thus he travelled to England where he had remained ever since.

The USA obtained a final judgment against Mr Inkley for the amount of his bail in the District Court and by writ had started an action in the High Court to recover the amount of that judgment with interest from Mr Inkley.

In October 1986 judgment by default was entered against Mr Inkley but subsequently set aside and the statement of claim struck out under the provisions of Order 18, rule 19 of the Rules of the Supreme Court by Master Waldman. On appeal by the USA, Mr Justice Gatehouse reinstated the judgment.

Having considered *Huntingdon v Attrill* ([1893] AC 150), *Attorney General of New Zealand v Ortiz* ([1984] AC 720) and *Dicey & Morris. The Conflict of Laws* (11th edition (1987) pp100-107), Mr Justice Gatehouse had concluded that the proceedings were civil proceedings and enforceable by action in the English courts.

Mr Inkley challenged that, contending the action was the enforcement of a public law remedy in the nature of a penal proceeding and not enforceable here.

From the authorities cited and from the cases of *Schemmer v Property Resources Ltd* ([1975] 1 Ch 273), *Banco De Vizcaya v Don Alfonso De Borbon Y Austria* ([1935] 1 KB 140) and *Government of India v Taylor* ([1955] AC 491) the following emerged:

1 The consideration of whether the claim sought to be enforced here was one which involved the assertion of foreign sovereignty, whether it was penal, revenue or other public law, was to be determined according to English law.

2 Regard would be had to the attitude adopted by the courts in the foreign jurisdiction which would always receive serious attention and might on occasions be decisive.

3 The category of the right of action, that is, whether public or private, would depend on the part in whose favour it was created, on the purpose of the law or enactment in the foreign state on which it was based and on the general context of the case as a whole.

4 The fact that the right, statutory or otherwise, was penal in nature would not deprive a person who asserted a personal claim depending thereon, from having recourse to the courts of this country. On the other hand, by whatever description it might be known, if the purpose of the action was the enforcement of a sanction, power or right at the instance of the state in its sovereign capacity, it would not be entertained.

5 The fact that in the foreign jurisdiction recourse might be had in a civil forum to enforce the right would not necessarily affect the true nature of the right being enforced in this country.

Applying those criteria to the facts, clearly the general context and background against which the appearance bond was executed was criminal or penal.

Notwithstanding its civil clothing, the purpose of the action initiated by the writ was the due execution by the USA of a public law process aimed to ensure the attendance of persons accused of crime before the criminal courts. It followed that the master had been right to set the default judgment aside and to strike out the proceedings.

Solicitors: Edward Lewis & Co for F. E. Hodgkinson LLB, Skegness; Oppenheimers.

Mortgagees' priority to earlier charge

Perry v Phoenix Assurance plc

Before Sir Nicolas Browne-Wilkinson, Vice-Chancellor

[Judgment February 26]

Although Parliament under the Charging Orders Act 1979 had made it possible to enforce charging orders against undivided shares in land, since a charging order nisi was not registrable, defendant mortgagees were entitled to be paid off out of the proceeds of sale in priority to the plaintiff in whose favour the earlier non-registrable charging order nisi had been made.

Sir Nicolas Browne-Wilkinson, Vice-Chancellor, so held in the Chancery Division in proceedings brought by the plaintiff, Mr Charles Frederick Perry, against the defendants, Phoenix Assurance plc, seeking a declaration that under a charging order nisi made by Yeovil County Court on November 4, 1985 and made absolute on November 20 he was entitled to rank in priority to the defendants' legal mortgage dated December 3, 1985.

Mr Robert Beecroft for the plaintiff; Miss Erica Foggin for the defendants.

THE VICE-CHANCELLOR said that Mr and Mrs Rideout were the owners of The Copse, Hillhead Close, Glastonbury, which was vested in them as legal joint tenants on trust for sale and to hold the proceeds of sale for themselves as either joint tenants or tenants in common in equity.

On September 4, 1985, the plaintiff obtained judgment against them both in Yeovil County Court, for £3,871. The judgment being unsatisfied, his solicitors applied for a charging order to be made against them both, but in error Yeovil County Court, on November 4, made an order nisi against only Mr Rideout. A registration of that order nisi was made on November 14, again against Mr Rideout alone.

In November 20, Yeovil County Court made an order absolute against both Mr and Mrs Rideout.

On November 26, the defendants, who were proposing to lend money to the Rideouts, caused a search to be made of the register and obtained a certificate which disclosed only the charge against Mr Rideout, there being as at that date no registration of any charging order as against Mrs Rideout, which was not registered until December 2.

On December 3, the defendants advanced money to the Rideouts on the security of a legal charge. On the same day the earlier charging order nisi against Mr Rideout alone was cancelled.

The Rideouts defaulted, and on December 19, 1986, the defendants, as mortgagees, sold The Copse for just under £54,000, which was insufficient to satisfy the defendants' debt.

In these proceedings, the plaintiff claimed that by virtue of the charging order on Mr Rideout's share of The Copse, and the registration of that order, of which the defendants therefore had notice, he was entitled to be paid his judgment debt out of the proceeds in priority to the defendants' right to satisfy their own debt.

The Charging Orders Act 1979 provided, by section 2: "(1) ... a charge may be imposed by a charging order only on — (a) any interest held by the debtor beneficially — (i) in any asset of a kind mentioned in subsection (2) below, or (ii) under any trust ...

"(2) The assets referred to in subsection (1) above are — (a) land ...".

Prior to the 1979 Act it had been determined in *Irani Finance Ltd v Singh* ([1971] Ch 59) that under section 35 of the Administration of Justice Act 1956, a charging order could not be made against an undivided share, since it was not an interest in land.

It was held in *National Westminster Bank Ltd v Stockman* ([1981] 1 WLR 67) that, under the 1979 Act, a charging order could be made against an undivided share, so it was agreed that Yeovil County Court had jurisdiction to make the charging order nisi against Mr Rideout's beneficial interest.

Although such an order could be made, the question remained whether it could be registered against the owner. That question was regulated by section 3(2) of the 1979 Act, which provided that the Land Charges Act 1972 should "apply in relation to charging orders" in the same way as to other orders or writs for enforcing judgments.

Section 6 of the 1972 Act provided: "(1) There may be registered in the register of writs and orders affecting land — (a) any writ or order affecting land ..." for enforcing a judgment.

It was common ground that unless the charging order nisi against Mr Rideout personally was properly registered on November 14 the rights of the plaintiff, being merely an equitable chargee of an interest in the proceeds of sale of The Copse, had to be postponed to the rights of the defendants.

The key question, therefore, was whether the charging order nisi could or could not be validly registered under the Land Charges Act 1972, which turned on whether it was one "affecting land" within the meaning of the 1972 Act.

Section 17 of that Act defined "land" in wide terms but expressly excluded "an undivided share in land". The definition was however prefixed by the words "unless the context otherwise requires".

In his Lordship's judgment it was conclusively decided by authority that, in the context of registration of charges, an undivided share in the proceeds of sale of land held on trust for sale was not land: see *Stevens v Hutchinson* ([1953] Ch 299) and *Irani Finance Ltd v Singh*.

It followed that, unless there was something in the context of the 1979 Act requiring a special meaning to be put on the words of section 3(2) of the Act, a charging order on an undivided share was not registrable.

Mr Beecroft submitted that a special meaning should be given to the words submitting that, under section 2(1)(a)(i) a charge might be imposed on "any interest held by the debtor beneficially" in any asset including land, and that being so it would be strange if such interest could not be registered under section 3(2).

His Lordship accepted that it was strange that Parliament in 1972 having taken the step of making it possible to enforce charging orders on undivided shares in land, should not have taken the further step of making such orders registrable. But from the words used his Lordship was unable to reach that result.

In his Lordship's judgment although a charging order could certainly now be made on an undivided share in land, it could be done as being an interest held by the debtor beneficially "under any trust"; see section 2(1)(a)(ii). He could not accept that the words "any interest held by the debtor beneficially ... in land" were apposite to refer to an undivided share in the proceeds of sale of land.

In such a case, as under the old law, the debtor did not have an interest in the land, but only in the proceeds of sale. That that was Parliament's intention was supported by section 2(1)(b), which enabled charging orders to be made against a person as trustee, so as to charge the legal estate, but only where he was solely beneficially entitled, or where all the debtors were together beneficially entitled.

Nor was it necessarily Parliament's intention to make charging orders on undivided shares registrable; to do so would cut across the whole system of separating the legal estate. To have introduced such a conveyancing revolution would have required clear words.

Accordingly his Lordship held that the charging order nisi was not registrable at the Land Charges Registry, and the defendants were entitled to be paid in priority to the plaintiff.

Solicitors: Batt Sanders & Bennett, Yeovil; Maples Teesdale.

Considering who is affected by statutory order

Regina v Minister of Agriculture Fisheries and Food, Ex parte Wear Valley District Council

Before Lord Justice Watkins and Mr Justice Nolan

[Judgment March 3]

When considering whether a local authority was affected by a statutory order, the line should be drawn between those persons affected and those not affected and not between those directly or indirectly affected.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court so held when allowing an application for a declaration brought by Wear Valley District Council that (i) the decision of the Minister of Agriculture Fisheries and Food that the local authority was not affected by the Northumbrian Water Authority (T-Nets) (Southern Area) Order (SI 1987 No 1054) for the purposes of paragraphs 9 and 10 of Schedule 3 to the Salmon and Freshwater Fisheries Act 1975, and that (ii) the minister's refusal to accept the applicant's memorial which prayed that the order should be subject to special parliamentary procedure, as laid down by section 1(2) of the Statutory Orders (Special Procedure) Act 1945, were unlawful.

Mr R. M. K. Gray, QC and Mr Simon Newton for the council; Mr Alan Moses for the minister.

MR JUSTICE NOLAN said that the effect of the statutory order made on April 22, 1987 was to allow for the provision of T-nets in the tidal waters of the North Sea into which the River Wear flowed. That would enable the Northumbrian Water Authority to make by-laws to regulate their use.

T-nets were claimed to be a more efficient method than drift nets for catching sea-trout and salmon and they fell into the category of "fixed engines" for the catching of fish. The issue was of some immediate importance as the salmon fishing season began on March 27.

On May 15, 1987 the council presented a memorial objecting to the order. The minister refused on June 12, 1987 to accept the memorial on the ground that the council was not affected by the order.

The order had been confirmed but that would not prevent the court from determining that the order should be subject to the special procedure. That enabled petitions to be considered by both Houses of Parliament to establish the necessary *locus standi* of the petitioners and to approve, or otherwise, the order. But that could only occur if the minister did not object, as he had, to the memorial presented.

The council submitted that anything affecting the fish in the area must affect them as riparian owners.

The word "affected" in paragraphs 9 and 10 of Schedule 3 to the 1975 Act should be given its ordinary unrestricted meaning. The minister had given the word "affected" something less than its proper meaning.

A distinction could not be drawn between those persons directly affected and those indirectly affected. The line should be drawn between those affected and those not affected.

The order was not quashed. A declaration would be made that the memorial should be presented to the minister with the recommendation that the order should go through the special parliamentary procedure.

Lord Justice Watkins agreed.

Solicitors: Sharpe Pritchard & Co; Solicitor, MAFF.

Summary judgment order apt

Hereford and Worcester County Council v National Association of Schoolmasters and Union of Women Teachers

Where there was no issue of liability but damages had resulted, an application for summary judgment was appropriate although an order could be made that the issue of damages be tried not by a master but by a judge.

Mr J. M. Rogers, QC, sitting as deputy judge of the Queen's Bench Division, so held on February 29 in dismissing the defendant trade union's application under Order 14, rule 3 of the rules of the Supreme Court, that there was a triable issue against the plaintiff education authority's application for summary judgment.

HIS LORDSHIP said that Hereford and Worcester education authority claimed damages against the defendants, the National Association of Schoolmasters and Union of Women Teachers, over industrial action on November 7, 1986 when 590 teachers failed to attend on that morning, withdrawing their labour under instructions from the defendant's national executive committee.

Liability was established by a letter from the defendants to the plaintiffs on October 22, 1986 warning the plaintiffs of the half-day action.

The defendants conceded liability but contended that summary judgment was not appropriate because of the nature of the claim for damages which raised important issues as to overall merits which would affect the public interest.

As the only real issue related to damages the court could not be satisfied that there was any reason for a trial. In any event, Order 37, rule 4(1)(b) entitled the court to order that the claim for damages could be determined by a judge without a jury rather than a master and judgment accordingly was given to the plaintiffs.

Deportation to country without ties

Regina v Kanapathippillai

An order recommending deportation might appropriately be made relating to a person who no longer had any ties in his country of origin.

The Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Russell, Mr Justice Hodgson and Mr Justice Turner) so held on March 8 when dismissing the appeal of Carol Karunaruban Kanapathippillai against a sentence of 18 months' imprisonment imposed on him on July 9 in Croydon Crown Court (Judge Willis) on his conviction of conspiracy to handle, conspiracy to steal and theft, and against an order recommending deportation which was made on July 10.

MR JUSTICE TURNER said that the appellant was now aged 32 and had only come to this country two years ago. It might well be that all his relatives had left his home country, but it would not be impossible for a person of his age to be assimilated into the appropriate social conditions if he was returned there.

Their Lordships were unable to accept the submission that the recommendation for deportation should not have been made, and the appeal against that order and the prison sentence would be dismissed.

Amendment of error in writ can relate back

Katzenstein Adler Industries (1975) Ltd v Borchard Lines Ltd and Others

Where an amendment of an error in a writ was a substitution within the meaning of Order 20, rule 5(3) of the Rules of the Supreme Court, it could be related back to the date of issue of the writ, even when the amendment occurred outside the contractual limitation period.

Mr Justice Hirst so held in the Commercial Court of the Queen's Bench Division on February 18 when dismissing an application to strike out an amendment of a writ issued on June 24. The error in the writ involved a mistake in the plaintiff's name and of the country in which they were incorporated.

It was a genuine mistake and did not mislead or cause any reasonable doubt. As a substitution within Order 20, rule 5(3) it could relate back to June 24 by reason of section 35(1)(b), (4) and (6)(a) of the Limitation Act 1980.

TENNIS: ARE MEN DISCRIMINATED AGAINST WHEN PRIZE-MONEY IS DISTRIBUTED EQUALLY?

When women are the winners

From Rex Bellamy
Tennis Correspondent
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Exit Mary Joe: Chris Evert powers her way to victory over Mary Joe Fernandez and another confrontation with Steffi Graf

Steffi Graf, who beat Chris Evert 6-1, 7-6 in the Australian final, will play her again – on a similarly hard surface – in the women's singles final of the Lipton championships. This is the second of five fortnight-long mixed tournaments played during the year. The singles winners receive £64,000, the losers half that.

The disquieting feature of the prize-money, not that it is unusual these days, is that, in semi-finals and finals, the women receive the same rewards as the men. The women play shorter matches, but some sort of case can be made out for giving them equal pay in the final – particularly as this one involves the world's No. 1, Graf, and a Florida heroine who has probably been the most consistently successful player since Suzanne Lenglen.

The disquiet arises when we ask whether Mary Joe Fernandez and Stephanie Rehe, the teenagers who won only seven games between them in the women's semi-finals, can possibly be worth as much (£16,000) as the losers of the men's semi-finals, in which the pairings were Mats Wilander v Yannick Noah and Miloslav Mecir v Jimmy Connors.

Even if the seedings had worked out as they were supposed to – Graf v Hana Mandlikova and Gabriela Sabatini v Evert – the question mark, if less emphatic, would still have been there. It is always likely that one or two prominent seeds will lose. The difference between men's and women's tennis is in the quality of the players who replace beaten celebrities. Men's tennis is much stronger than women's, comparably, when it comes to players ranked outside the top 10.

Women had a raw deal in the early years of open competition and were justified in demanding more. Briefly, a reasonable balance was achieved. Then the game's administrators conceded too much. To use the jargon of the day, men are now suffering from sexual discrimination.

Evert won 6-2, 6-1 against a local (Miami) schoolgirl, Fernandez, a part-time professional ranked twentieth in the world. About 150 high-school students were given a half-day off to support Fernandez. They certainly made themselves heard, but Evert did not mind. She recalled that, 17 years ago, her own school mates turned out in force to encourage her when she was playing Billie-Jean King at Fort Lauderdale, Evert's home.

After a tough start, Evert took over because she hit to a superb length, consistently close to the line, while playing at a faster pace than Fernandez, whose game could not withstand the stress. The story was much the same in the second match. Rehe began well, playing to the limit of her present ability. Then Graf, whose forehand was as formidable as ever, began to demand more – and Rehe could not stay with her. The score was 6-3, 6-1.

As for the final, Evert has failed to take a set from her last five matches with Graf – and it was in this tournament, a year ago, that Graf beat Martina Navratilova and Evert in turn. Each match lasted less than an hour.

RESULTS: Women's singles: Semi-finals: S Graf (WG) bt S Rehe (US), 6-3, 6-1. C Evert (US) bt M J Fernandez (US), 6-2, 6-1.

Grass-roots game goes indoors

By Rex Bellamy

The Duke and Duchess of Kent opened a four-court indoor tennis centre at St Albans yesterday. A city rich in history has thus made a further claim on the attention of posterity. The centre is the first product of the £22.5 million Indoor Tennis Initiative (ITI) jointly backed by the Lawn Tennis Association, the All England Club, and the Sports Council.

By the end of the year the ITI will have created 41 new courts and 10 community tennis programmes. The geographic spread will be admirable, with St Albans, Swindon and Islington representing the South; Sunderland, Warrington and Wigan the North; Bodmin and Swansea the West; and Nottingham and Solihull the Midlands. All except Nottingham (six) and Solihull (three) will have four courts.

The ITI is a five-year development programme that envisages 50 new centres (including this year's) by the end of 1992. The potential benefits to British tennis are incalculable, because the game has long suffered from an acute shortage of indoor facilities. Only a small minority of players have been able to play throughout the year.

Ian Peacock, executive director of the LTA, says the new centres will be run by local authorities, who had to agree – as part of the deal – that the courts would be used exclusively for tennis for nine months a year, could be booked only on a pay-as-you-play basis (as distinct from membership), and must incorporate a tennis development programme for the local community.

Perhaps the big point is that, as Peacock puts it, "anyone can roll up and say, 'I'd like to play tennis'. Anybody is welcome". This should increase the mass appeal of a sport that has been socially based, almost exclusively, on the middle classes.

Estimated construction costs, varying according to the size of the hall and the type of structure used, range from £87,100 to £652,300. Forecasts suggest that a four-court ITI centre should have an annual income of about £85,000 and expenditure of £78,000.

More detailed estimates for a four-court centre indicate that court fees would provide almost 78 per cent of the annual income, the rest coming from catering, advertising, and a 50 per cent grant towards the development officer's salary. There could be additional revenue from sponsorship, vending and gaming machines, and outdoor courts.

The projected annual expenditure on such a four-court centre forecasts that staff costs would account for about 54 per cent. The variety of costs related to the actual premises would amount to about 32 per cent. The rest would go to promotion, equipment, and such items as stationery and telephones. The cost estimates do not provide for debt charges, depreciation, and possible retainers for coaches.

So much for the detail of the exciting ITI enterprise, which has been launched after much painstaking planning, research, and negotiation. Domestically, the ITI should help tennis to regain some of the ground lost to squash and badminton. Internationally, it should give the British game a broader basis of recruitment and, obviously, more and better playing facilities.

There is, however, an interesting question mark against the St Albans venture and its future. It is only five miles from the largest club in Hertfordshire, at Harpenden, where there are 1,000 members, three coaches, 17 courts, a host of promising juniors, and ambitious plans for expansion.

Will all that be good or bad for St Albans? Only time will tell. But a tennis-playing chum who lives at Harpenden insists that the new centre has hardly impinged on Harpenden's consciousness: "Everything happens here, in Harpenden. St Albans is like another world."

He did add, though, that "tennis is thriving, at grass-roots level". In his neck of the woods, it obviously is. A year hence, it will be illuminating to find out where business is better: Harpenden or St Albans. The evidence suggests that this is one area in which the old and new ages of tennis can both thrive, without either harming the other.

Women may get a look in

By David Powell

Women may be invited to play in the Mortgage Corporation National League from next season, John Taylor, a member of the league's panel, said yesterday. The league is seeking ways of strengthening its appeal and it is felt that the introduction of women into the present men-only format, would be the best move in that direction.

Taylor said: "There is a feeling that the league was so successful in year one because it was new but it was more difficult to market in year two. We have got to be seen in the third season to be going forward. The general consensus of opinion among the team managers is that the inclusion of women would be a good thing."

The League would first need to be sure, however, that the right players – namely the top British ones – would be available, that they could be fitted into the structure and that the 12 clubs could afford them.

RACING

Pearl Run in line for Chester Cup recovery mission

By Michael Seely, Racing Correspondent

Pearl Run, beaten a short head when carrying 5lb overweight in the 1986 Chester Cup, put himself on target for a recovery mission on May 4 when romping home by six lengths in the Doncaster Town Plate, the feature race on the Town Moor yesterday.

"He'll go to Chester if the ground isn't too firm," said Gordon Price, the winning trainer. "He's improving all the time." Only last week the seven-year-old had shown his well-being when winning gaining his eighth Warwick success from a total of 11 victories on the Flat and over hurdles.

The Price family from Herefordshire have long had a special talent for improving horses, particularly ones that they have bred. "We don't do badly with horses that we've bought either," said the trainer. "We won over £60,000 with Stan's Pride. It must be the old farm training that does the trick. We ride them over fields and banks. They never go on the road."

Fitness is always at a premium at this early stage of the campaign and Merrick Francis certainly received encouragement for the chances of Genobra in this afternoon's Lincoln Handicap with the victories of Prince Merandi in the Leger Way Handicap and Alkinor Rex.

After Alkinor Rex had won the closing French Gate Maiden Stakes, Francis, who had earlier *in the afternoon initiated the* first treble of his career with Dunkirk at Newbury, said triumphantly: "Alkinor Rex is the one Genobra's been working with.

"It shows my horses are well. I know we're drawn 15 in the middle of the track but Steve Cauthen says that it doesn't matter as most of the other fancied runners are drawn there.

At least two long-priced gambles were landed during the afternoon. Roger Curtis, from Carshalton in Surrey, saddled his first winner from his first runner on the Flat when 33-year-old Tina Pile drove The Yomper to a convincing win in the Haywards Pickle Handicap for amateur riders.

"The Yomper won over hurdles at Southwell recently," he said. "I used to run a stud, where we stood Crooner and Record Run. But we didn't make any money, so I've taken up training instead. I've had 10 winners over jumps, seven of them this season."

After Richard Quinn had won the Will Scott Handicap on No Beating Hearts, Matt McCormack made no secret of the fact that he had strongly fancied the five-year-old, who had been backed from 12-1 to 7-1 in the pre-race betting.

"Most of the credit must go to my 5lb-claiming apprentice Steve Horsfall, who discovered that the horse had to be held up for one sharp burst of speed," McCormack said.

The jockeys remained incommunicado and refused to break their silence. "A statement is being prepared and will be read out tomorrow," said Paul Cook, the president of the Jockeys Association. "We hope to get a slot on TV."

My Mellow Man can pass test in qualifier

Point-to-point
By Brian Beel

My Mellow Man, a five-year-old having only his second race, did not beat much when winning the Mendip Farmers' hunt race but, nevertheless, looks to be a very useful horse in the making.

Owned by Bill Gooden and ridden by his daughter, Jenny Litston, My Mellow Man could follow in the footsteps of the same combination's Mister Bosun. Today he faces a stiff test in *The Times* Championship qualifier at the Weston & Banwell but could pass with flying colours at the expense of Mandrabelle and Trust The Gypsy.

At the Grafton, the race has been divided and Framfield should have little difficulty in the first if he repeats the fine performance he put in on his debut in the Oakley maiden. In division two, Kyme Warrior would deserve support if he made the journey from Cheshire but Bladon's Time and Rushoise should also go well.

In the re-arranged fixture at the Derwent, where entries are up, triple winner Timbottim will be difficult to beat in *The Times* Championship qualifier and Smullyan and Krypton should get into the frame.

TODAY'S MEETINGS: Barton, The Carholme, Lincoln (2.15); Crawley and Horsham, Parham, 3m SE of Pulborough (1.30); Curre, Howick, 2m W of Chatton (1.15); Derwent, Charm Park, 4m SW of Scarborough (1.0); Eglinton, Bogside, 1m N of Irvine (1.45); Grafton, Mollington, 5m N of Banbury (12.0); Lasserton, Kilworthy, 1m NE of Tavistock (1.15); North Norfolk Harriers, Higham, 7m NE of Colchester (1.30); South Herefordshire, Garnons, 7m W of Hereford (2.0); Vale of Clettwr, Eyw Lon, 10m N of Carmarthen (12.30); Vwfl, Siddington, 2m S of Cirencester (1.30); Weston & Banwell, Nedge, 4m NE of Wells (1.0); Wilton, Badbury Rings, 5m SE of Blandford (1.30).

HEXHAM

Selections

By Mandarin

2.15 Starjestic. 2.45 The Rannoch. 3.15 Wardsoff. 3.45 Tewit Castle. 4.15 Tresidder. 4.45 Beaker.

Going: heavy

2.15 FOURSTONES HANDICAP CHASE (£1,412: 2m) (7 runners)

1 0-31 STARJESTIC 24 (CD,F,G,S) N Bradley 10-12-5 —
3 -400 RAM THE THOR 68 (CD,S) F Walton 13-11-10 Mr J Walton
4 PU04 ADARE 14 (D,F,G,S) T Donnelly 9-10-13 —
5 F01- COCKLEY BRIG 327 (F) R Brewis 11-10-8 G Harker
8 0DF1 MY PURPLE PROSE 26 (D,S) J Old 7-10-5 —
9 4010 REAY'S SONG 26 (C,D,G,S) M Naughton 14-10-3 P Harte (7)
10 000P BORDER KNIGHT 18 (D,F,G,S) J Haldane 13-10-0 B Storey

Long handicap: Border Knight 9-13.

BETTING: 2-1 My Purple Prose, 5-2 Starjestic, 5-1 Reay's Song, 6-1 Ram The Thor, 8-1 Cockley Brig, 10-1 others.

2.45 WALWICK MAIDEN HURDLE (£764: 2m) (15)

3 0P- BLACK SPUR 463 C Parker 6-11-5 K Doolan
5 00 BOSTON PRINT 73 R Woodhouse 5-11-5 —
6 /423 CHEEKY TICO 211 Miss Z Green 8-11-5 J O'Gorman (7)
7 00 CLIPPERS DREAM 25 J Jefferson 5-11-5 M Hill
12 P KINGS ROW 14 V Thompson 6-11-5 Mr M Thompson (4)
17 0P0 PURA MONEY 14 G Richards 5-11-5 P Tuck
20 03 THE RANNOCH 43 A Fowler 5-11-5 —
23 000- DROVERS ROAD 473 N Waggott 7-11-0 Mr N Waggott (7)
25 2-00 MAREJO 35 F Walton 7-11-0 —
27 00F0 PAUPER MOON 35 W Reed 6-11-0 T Reed
31 20F MR FENWICK 36 F Storey 4-10-11 B Storey
32 0 TREBLEDM 91 T Barnes 4-10-11 G Martin
33 0 JUST A JEST 180 J J O'Neill 4-10-6 M Dwyer
34 00 NOBLE PROSPECT 24 P Charlton 4-10-6 J J Quinn
36 0000 STEGILLY 50 A Brown 4-10-6 C Hawkins

BETTING: 5-2 Cheeky Tico, 3-1 The Rannoch, 5-1 Marejo, 6-1 Just A Jest, 8-1 Pura Money, 10-1 Mr Fenwick, 12-1 others.

3.15 HUGH JOICEY MEMORIAL HANDICAP CHASE (£2,229: 3m) (11)

2 42P0 RANDOMLY 35 (C,D,G,S) C J Bell 9-12-0 M Meagher
3 1004 PRINCE METTERNICH 22 (CD,G,S) C J Bell 7-11-13 C Dennis (7)
4 -UP3 COOL BREW 15 (D,S) R Paisley 10-11-10 Mr K Anderson (7)
5 1-00 DAY OF WISHES 15 (D,S) W A Stephenson 12-11-4 C Grant
11 612P CLONROCHE STREAM 91 (D,G,S) V Thompson 9-10-10 Mr M Thompson (4)
12 /P4P ROYAL BOWLER 15 (G) J Charlton 9-10-10 G Harker
15 2020 ANOTHER FLAME 18 (C,D,F,G,S) W Storey 11-10-5 —
16 3040 WARDSOFF 35 (B,CD,F,S) T Cuthbert 11-10-5 S Turner (7)
17 00P- ROYAL REPLY 341 (CD,F) W Reed 8-10-3 T Reed
19 P000 SUPER TONY 15 (CD,F,G) F Walton 11-10-0 —
20 44P4 BE FREE 17 (D,F,S) Mrs G Bartle 13-10-0 A Crinley

Long handicap: Super Tony 9-10, Be Free 9-9.

BETTING: 11-4 Cool Brew, 4-1 Prince Metternich, 5-1 Day Of Wishes, 7-1 Clonroche Stream, Wardsoff, 8-1 others.

3.45 SANDHOE NOVICES HURDLE (Amateurs: £811: 3m) (19)

1 1000 BALMBICELLO 15 (V,D,S) R Bainbridge 6-12-1 L Hadaway (7)
5 0 BEL ARCTIC 17 (B) J Parkes 5-11-7 —
7 CAUTIOUS PETE 180 W A Stephenson 5-11-7 A Costello (7)
10 0004 DALTON DANDY 32 V Hall 6-11-7 —
13 00-0 FRANK'S BOREEN 14 J J O'Neill 8-11-7 N Kelleher (7)
14 30/0 GLASTONBURY GROVE 130 V Thompson 5-11-7 M Thompson (4)
15 F-00 HODDAM BRIG 131 D Scott 9-11-7 D Scott (7)
16 2UP4 JAY DOUBLE YOU 14 (B) J S Wilson 7-11-7 —
18 -000 MELROSIAN 14 J Birkett 8-11-7 G Messenger (7)
23 0/FP SOFT CENTRE 14 R Johnson 8-11-7 K Johnson (7)
24 0002 TEWIT CASTLE 18 (S) D Lee 6-11-7 N Brown (7)
28 000 WILLS DAGG 12 R Goldie 5-11-7 G Scopa (7)
32 00 GO-ONKATIE 15 R Bainbridge 5-11-2 T Burns (7)
33 U-P0 HEARTBREAK HOTEL 14 Mrs B Butterworth 10-11-2 Mrs B Butterworth (7)
35 U000 MAGIC ECHO 35 S Payne 6-11-2 Mrs J Thurlow (7)
37 SHARE A FRIEND G Richards 7-11-2 P Doyle (7)
38 0 TERI ODIN 15 J K Oliver 5-11-2 —
39 PP-0 WHITEGATES LADY 14 R Gray 7-11-2 S Bowden (7)
40 PP00 COOL REBEL 14 Miss M Bell 4-10-11 C Sample (7)

BETTING: 3-1 Jay Double You, 4-1 Tewit Castle, 5-1 Balmbicello, 7-1 Share A Friend, 8-1 Frank's Boreen, 10-1 others.

4.15 ALLERWASH NOVICES CHASE (£1,115: 2m 4f) (10)

1 010F DAVID'S TREASURE 15 (D,S) R Fisher 8-11-12 J D Doyle
7 1-1F TRESIDDER 24 (BF,G,S) M W Easterby 6-11-12 L Wyer
13 000F BOW HANDY MAN 18 (S) J Redlem 6-11-4 S Keightley
14 P204 HOME TO ROOST 12 T Donnelly 8-11-4 B Storey
18 /0P- MAGWOOD 376 (S) C Parker 8-11-4 K Doolan
21 030P OH WHY 35 W A Stephenson 6-11-4 C Grant
23 0300 TEUCER 130 (F,G,S) V Thompson 8-11-4 Mr M Thompson (4)
24 00UP THE CIDER AND BUN 31 (F) W Storey 8-11-4 —
25 -PP0 THETCHI 24 (G) W G Reed 10-11-4 T Reed
26 0204 VALOROSO 29 (F,G) A Le-Blond 8-11-4 Mr D Franks (7)

BETTING: 2-5 Tresidder, 7-2 David's Treasure, 10-1 Home To Roost, 14-1 Teucer, 16-1 Valoroso, 20-1 others.

4.45 SETTLINGSTONES HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,149: 2m) (8)

1 3400 UNEX-PLAINED 22 (CD,G,S) G Moore 5-11-10 M Hammond
3 2241 BEAKER 14 (V,D,S) M Naughton 8-11-3 (5ex) P Harte (7)
8 FP00 CLEVER FOLLY 22 (S) G Richards 8-10-4 P Tuck
10 1104 UNCLE OLIVER 14 (CD,F,G,S) V Thompson 7-10-4 Mr M Thompson (4)
12 0000 MOSSBERRY FAIR 35 (CD,F,S) W Haigh 7-10-1 —
13 4-00 MAJOR ROUGE 18 (B,CD,F) J Charlton 6-10-0 C Dennis (7)
15 0010 MERCURIUS 14 (D,S) D Robertson 6-10-0 Mrs A Robertson
16 0080 MR PANACHE 136 J Hubbuck 6-10-0 Mrs M Kendall

Long handicap: Major Rouge 9-5, Mercurius 8-13, Mr Panache 8-7.

BETTING: 7-4 Beaker, 7-2 Unex-Plained, 9-2 Uncle Oliver, 6-1 Clever Folly, 7-1 Major Rouge, 10-1 others.

Course specialists

TRAINERS: J Jefferson, 5 winners from 17 runners, 29.4%; J S Wilson, 6 from 21, 28.6%; J Oliver, 5 from 21, 23.8%; G Moore, 4 from 17, 23.5%; M W Easterby, 3 from 15, 20.0%; R Fisher, 5 from 27, 18.5%.

JOCKEYS: M Hammond, 7 winners from 25 rides, 28.0%; C Grant, 20 from 96, 20.8%; M Hill, 3 from 15, 18.8%; A Crinley, 3 from 18, 16.7%; T Reed, 5 from 34, 14.7%; J O'Gorman, 3 from 23, 13.0%.

Results from yesterday's four meetings

Doncaster

Going: soft

2.35 (1m 2f 50yd) 1. THE YOMPER (Tina Pile, 9-1); 2. Caballine (Yvonne Haynes, 25-1); 3½, Mezlara (Jane Southall, 14-1); 3½ Beau Benz (Mr T Easterby, 15-2 fav). ALSO RAN: 8 Vague Melody, 9 Court Town, 10 Chylorophyll, Pharoah Blue, 11 Arges, Bean Boy (6th), 12 Frangmito, 14 Gemcon, 16 Socks Up, Denalto (5th), 20 Commcing, Godounov, Gun-Carriage, Heavenly Carol, Pas De Regrets, Regalcroft, 25 Joseph's Coat, 50 Middale, Hoptons Chance, Sherpaman, Shark Fighter, Mister Petard. 26 ran. NR: Hinton Rose. Thork, 2½l, 4l, dd-ht, 5l, 2l, R Curtis at Carshalton. Tote: £6.80; £2.90, £6.70. Beau Benz £2.10, Mezlara £3.20. DF: £883.60. CSF: £223.84. Tricast: The Yomper, Caballine and Beau Benz, £831.71; The Yomper, Caballine and Mezlara, £1,453.87. 2mn 22.41sec.

3.5 (1m rnd) 1. PRINCE MERANDI (J Reid, 11-1); 2. Qualitair Flyer (G Carter, 16-1); 3. Milan Fair (W Carson, 12-1); 4. Lynical Lewer (W Carson, 16-1). ALSO RAN: 7-2 fav Foot Patrol, 15-2 Optimism Flamed, 14 Barbara Radzwill, Concert Pitch, Conmayjo, 16 Gurteen Boy, Song N'Jest, 20 Air Command, Golden Beau, Miami Bay (5th), 20 Nap Majestaca, Philotas, Try Scorer, 25 Jokist, Sylvan Orient (6th), 33 Count Treviso, Gold Touch, Parklands Belle, Parvenu, 100 Wasmi. 24 ran. NR: Johnny Sharp. Nk, 4l, 3l, 3l, 4l, M Francis at Lambourn. Tote: £14.60; £2.60, £3.90, £2.80, £2.40. DF: £105.10. CSF £173.44. Tricast: £1,986.12. 1mn 49.17sec.

3.35 (2m 2f) 1. PEARL RUN (J Williams, 5-1); 2. Stemie (M Wigham, 17-2); 3. Sir Crusty (S Dawson, 17-2). ALSO RAN: 4 fav Sun Street (6th), 6 Arras Code, 9 Skevena, 10 Bluff Cove (5th), 11 Al Shamikh, Leprechaun Lady, 12 Brunico, 16 Dragon's Blood, 25 Tugboat, 33 Ishkara. Visual Identity, 50 Survez Moi (4th). 15 ran. 6l, 2½l, ¾l, 3l, 8l G Price at Leominster. Tote: £11.90; £2.80, £2.20, £3.10. DF: £32.90. CSF: £47.61. Tricast: £338.54. 4mn 16.72 sec.

4.10 (5f) 1. NO BEATING HARTS (T Quinn, 7-1); 2. Profit A Prendre (W Newnes, 13-2 jt-fav); 3. Jondebe Boy (C Coates, 9-1). ALSO RAN: 13-2 jt-fav Bluemade, 7 Bridge Street Lady, Spitzabout (5th), 9 Fourwalk (6th), Prospect Place, 12 Pineapple's Pride, Roker Roar, 16 Joveworth (4th), 25 Stephen's Song, 33 Sinclair Lady, Hansom Lad, Pergodi. 15 ran. NR: Dancing Belle. ¾l, 1½l, ¾l, 1l, ¾l. M McCormack at Wantage. Tote: £13.80; £2.70, £3.40, £3.90. DF: £48.60. CSF: £50.54. Tricast: £381.61. 1mn 5.82sec.

4.45 (5f) 1. ANNOTHER SIGWELLS (W Newnes, 5-1); 2. Sal Kung (Kim Tinkler, 8-1); 3. Doubtfire (D McKeown, 7-2 fav). ALSO RAN: 6 Tenderline, Wasn't Me (4th), 7 Star Cover (6th), 9 Mansick, Nations Lady, 10 Northern Rain, Selfsellsell, Sing Jazz, 16 Palin, 33 Kalaura (5th). 13 ran. NR: Polar Rose, Bellhopper. Nk, 4l, 1½l, 2½l, 1½l, W G M Turner at Sherborne. Tote: £6.60; £2.40, £3.00, £2.00. DF: £54.60. CSF: £50.73. 1mn 9.51sec. Sold to R Hobson for 5,800gns.

5.15 (1m str) 1. ALKINOR REX (C Rutter, 11-2); 2. Clifton Chapel (J Lowe, 11-8 fav); 3. First Fenma (T Quinn, 25-1). ALSO RAN: 3 Red Dollar (4th), 12 Reed (6th), 14 Persian Joy, 20 Tankovsky (5th), Uncle Ernes, Bidders Lad, 25 Jackson Blue, John's Reel, Moody Man, 33 Esprit De Fou, Golden Petingo, Gold Walk, Crackle Moor. 16 ran. NR: Validate. 3l, 3l, 1l, 2l, 2l. M Francis at Lambourn. Tote: £6.00; £1.60, £1.50, £6.50. DF: £8.70. CSF: £14.09. 1mn 48.88sec.

Placepot: £731.00

Newbury

Going: heavy

2.0 (2m 4f 120yd hdle) 1. HENRY MANN (A Mulholland, 11-2); 2. Kodiak Island (S Sherwood, 11-4 fav); 3. Yiragan (P Nicholls, 8-1). ALSO RAN: 5 The Hill, 6 True Loop (4th), 14 Malcho (5th), Flying Good, 16 Celtic Trust (6th), 20 Ha'penny Bridge (f), 33 Hotfist, Belinda Ward (pu), 50 Proud Soldier, Royal Lyric (pu), Wally Wrekin (ur), Erica Cinerea (f), Can't Disclose, Court Appeal, Foxcoppse, High Trust (pu), Peterlona (f). 20 ran. NR: Fair Daniel. ½l, 15l, 4l, ¼l, 7l. S Christian at Lambourn. Tote: £5.80; £2.00, £1.50, £3.60. DF: £7.10. CSF: £20.45

2.30 (2m 4f ch) 1. SUNBEAM TALBOT (Mr M Armytage, 6-1); 2. Goodman Point (R Rowe, 13-2); 3. Jezali (B Powell, 33-1). Lolly's Boy (R Dunwoody, 7-1). ALSO RAN: 15-8 fav Experimenting (5th), 7-2 Oxhey Cottage (f), 8 Kingston (pu), 14 Foxborough Lad (ur), 20 Seatell (f), 33 Spring Philtre (pu). 10 ran. NR: Paddy Buck. 12l, 15l, dead-heat, nk, R Armytage at East Ilsley. Tote: £6.90; £1.60, £2.40. Jezali £1.90, Lolly's Boy 90p. DF: £30.10. CSF: £43.90.

3.0 (2m 4f ch) 1. DUNKIRK (M Richards, 9-2); 2. Pegwell Bay (H Davies, 11-8). ALSO RAN: 5-4 fav Dad's Gamble (ur), 3 ran. NR: Loddon Lad, 30l. M Francis at Lambourn. Tote: £4.00. DR: £2.20. CSF: £9.22.

3.30 (3m 2f 62yd ch) 1. BLUE DART (H Davies, 13-2); 2. Co Member (K Mooney, 13-2); 3. Whiskey Eyes (P Scudamore, 9-2). ALSO RAN: 3 fav Border Burg (pu), 5 Ronalds Carole (pu), 7 Ivor Anthony (ur), 10 Boreen King (pu), 25 Kambi (pu). 8 ran. NR: Glenside Jerry, Ballymullish, Woodside Rode. 25l, 20l, T Forster at Wantage. Tote: £9.70; £2.50, £2.10, £1.30. DF: £23.60. CSF: £42.10. Tricast: £186.48.

4.0 (2m 4f 120yd hdle) 1. LOCH BLUE (R Guest, 13-2); 2. Vulgan Warrior (S Smith-Eccles, 5-4 fav); 3. Monstaguard (Miss S Lawrance, 12-1). ALSO RAN: 8 Mel Station, More Fool You (5th), 10 Forty Years On, 12 Forest Ranger (4th), 14 Copper Fastener, 16 Blockade, Ewar Hopeful (6th), Okeetee, 20 Eagle Trace (pu), Homeleigh Monarch (pu), 25 Sidhe Gaoth (f), 33 Best Smile, Caedmon (f), Meryett, Make Mine Melitta (pu), Beryl's Joke, Kings Dragon (pu). 21 ran. NR: Decided, Men Of Yorkshire, Was The March. 8l, ¾l, 1l, 3l, 1l. S Dow at Guildford. Tote: £8.40; £2.40, £1.60, £5.20. DF: £8.30. CSF: £17.25.

4.30 (2m 100yd hdle) 1. FUEGO BOY (S Cowley, 7-1); 2. Gallant Buck (S Conlon, 12-1); 3. Ribovisco (P Bowman, 7-1); 4. Cryx Minor (Alison Begley, 7-1). ALSO RAN: 7-4 fav Folk Dance, 8 Pepperwood (5th), 10 Kitty Wren, 12 Andrea Dawn, Home County (6th), 20 Cocaine, Mr What's-His-Name, Flexible Friend, 33 Ghetto Blaster (pu), 50 Ling, 100 Chase The Clouds (pu), Faidros. 16 ran. Sl, 10l, 1l, hd, 1½l. A Wilson at Cheltenham. Tote: £8.80; £2.10, £2.20, £1.70, £1.70. DF: £36.50. CSF: £89.87. Tricast: £578 60. Jackpot: not won (Pool of £3,560.75 carried forward to Newbury today)

Placepot: £200.30

Ludlow

Going: soft

2.0 (2m hdle) 1. Badihar (P Croucher, 7-1); 2. High Chateau (50-1); 3. Afarristoun (7-4). The Ram 11-10 fav, 14 ran. NR: Beaulieu, Lord Kilgayle, 8l, 3l. D Murray-Smith. Tote: £4.70; £1.60, £1.90, £1.30. DF: £69.20. CSF: £194.35.

2.30 (2m 4f ch) 1. Fence Judge (C Llewellyn, 14-1); 2. Fervent Hope (11-2); 3. Duarr (6-1). Larchwood 6-4 fav, 16 ran. T Forster, 10l, 2l. Tote: £9.80; £2.20, £2.20, £3.80. DF: £8.50. CSF: £80.25.

3.0 (2m hdle) 1. Celtic Bob (W Humphreys, 11-2); 2. Milford Quay (5-1 jt-fav); 3. Super Regal (8-1). Our White Hart 5-1 jt-fav, 13 ran. nk, 20l. Tote: £5.70; £2.00, £2.80, £4.00. DF: £13.50. CSF: £33.60. Tricast: £205.15.

3.30 (2m 4f ch) 1. Aughavogue (T Morgan, 11-4); 2. Rachan Master (25-1); 3. Kutabi's Belle (15-2). Prince Ramboro 5-2 fav, 16 ran. 3l, ½l. J Edwards. Tote: £3.40; £1.60, £4.20, £2.40. DF: £40.40. CSF: £57.43.

4.0 (3m ch) 1. Sanber (Miss V Williams, 2-1); 2. What's Yours (16-1); 3. Heshould (33-1). Desert Fox 7-4 fav, 13 ran. 12l, 12l. R Winstade. Tote: £4.10; £2.10, £3.00, £17.20. DF: £44.20. CSF £34.06.

4.30 (2m hdle) 1. Grassagh (C Mann, 5-2); 2. Point Made W O'Callaghan (33-1); 3. Top O'Th'Green (10-1). Farewell To Alms 2-1 fav, 17 ran. NR: Willowson. sh hd, 1½l. V Bishop. Tote: £4.00; £1.40, £6.30, £2.50. DF: £54.70. CSF: £61.66.

5.0 (2m ch) 1. Baluchi (Mr R Bevan, 9-4); 2. Outlaw (2-1 fav); 3. Pan Arctic (9-1). 9 ran. 6l, 2l. B Preece. Tote: £3.20; £1.60, £2.00, £1.40. DF: £3.90. CSF: £7.00. Tricast: £29.55.

Placepot: £70.50.

Catterick Bridge

Going: soft

2.15 (2m ch) 1. Assessmoor (D Shaw, 10-1); 2. Colonel Rose (4-1); 3. Jody's Boy (7-1). Big Ash 11-10 fav, 7 ran. 1½l, 3l. S Bowring. Tote: £11.90; £3.10, £1.90. DF: £36.30. CSF £48.07.

2.45 (3m hdle) 1. Bishopdale (C Grant, 8-1); 2. Damash Chief (12-1); 3. Yarnside Lad (14-1); 4. Oldetsoc (20-1). Leamara Lad 4-1 fav, 19 ran, 1l, 2l. W A Stephenson. Tote: £4.90; £2.00, £2.90 £2.00, £9.40. DF: £97.00. CSF: £102.01. Tricast: £1241.61.

3.15 (2m ch) 1. Kersil (A Orkney, 5-1); 2. Impany (3-1); 3. Trafalgar Blue (2-1 fav), 6 ran. J Swiers. Tote: £10.10; £3.80, £1.30. DF: £5.70. CSF: £19.09.

3.45 (2m hdle) 1. Without A Doubt (A J Quinn, 11-8 fav); 2. Gemtino (11-4); 3. Change The Name (25-1). 16 ran. 10l, 3l. T Tate. Tote: £2.30; £1.50, £2.40, £8.80. DF: £4.30. CSF: £8.33.

4.15 (3m 300yd ch) 1. King Kastle (T Read, 7-2); 2. Swirl Howe (12-1); 3. Bobby Burns (2-1 fav). 11 ran. NR: Hatsu-Gas-Celtic Fort. 1l, 1½l. Mrs J Goodfellow. Tote: £6.70; £2.70, £1.70, £1.40. DF: £15.00. CSF: £41.14.

4.45 (2m hdle) 1. Sea Pennant (C Dennis, 5-2 jt-fav); 2. Dunloring (5-2 jt-fav); 3. Ringmore (25-1). 8 ran. NR: Colnet Al Ain, The Reeducter. 6l, 7l. I R Jones. Tote: £3.40; £1.10, £2.20. DF: £2.70. CSF: £9.17. Tricast: £113.10.

Placepot: £130.80.

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ICE SKATING

Thomas puts Witt under pressure

From John Hennessy, Budapest

A superb counter-attack by Debi Thomas, the American champion, has transformed the world women's figure-skating championships into a cliff-hanger. By winning yesterday's short programme in courageous circumstances, Thomas, the champion in 1986, moved to within 0.8 points of Katarina Witt, the East German holder of both this title and the Olympic championship.

Nothing but a flawless performance would have served the American's purpose, since Witt, preceding her in the order of skating, had set a formidable target.

Witt completed her programme without error and her marks, mostly in the range of 5.8 and 5.9, though including a perfect 6.0 from the East German judge, left little room for manoeuvre.

But Thomas, on her 21st birthday, rose brilliantly to the occasion. She was aware that a more difficult combination jump would give her the edge if everything else fell into place.

Both skaters used the same two jumps in the combination but Thomas, placing the optional triple toe loop after the mandatory double loop, was being the more adventurous. She landed both elements perfectly and from there it was all downhill. Now, assuming no other skater intervenes, whichever of the two wins the free skating this afternoon will take the title.

Much earlier, thanks to her fallibility in the compulsory figures, Midori Ito, the diminutive Japanese, brought the house down with a breathtaking performance. Hers was the most difficult combination of all, double loop to triple loop, but, so early in the proceedings, she had to rest content with marks ranging from 5.6 to 5.9 and was third in the short.

The two British competitors at least showed some improvement on their disastrous experience in Calgary. Joanne Conway missed the combination but otherwise skated well and dropped only one place, to eighth. Gina Fulton this time at least survived the ordeal.

RESULTS: Women's short programme: 1, D Thomas (US), 0.4pts; 2, K Witt (EG), 0.8; 3, M Ito (Japan), 1.2; 4, E Manley (Can) 1.8; 5, C Leistner (WG), 2.0; 6, S Koch (EG), 2.4. British placings: 10, J Conway, 4.8; 20, G Fulton, 8.0. Positions: 1, K Witt, 1.4pts; 2, D Thomas, 2.2; 3, E Manley, 2.8; 4, C Leistner, 5.0; 5, C Kadavy (US) and J Trenary (US), 6.8. British placings: 8, J Conway, 8.2; 24, G Fulton, 21.8.

SKIING

Zurbriggen pulls clear of ill-advised Tomba

From Iain Macleod, Saalbach

Martin Hangl, of Switzerland, who won the super-giant slalom race here on Thursday, yesterday completed a notable double when he triumphed in the final giant slalom of the season. Marc Girardelli, of Luxembourg, finished second with, Pirmin Zurbriggen, of Switzerland, significantly third.

No one can question the merit of Hangl's achievement, but even he would admit that his timing could have been better. For the second consecutive day, Hangl, even in victory, was nothing

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RACING

Sharblask boasts best credentials in Lincoln

By Mandarin (Michael Phillips)

My advice to anyone contemplating a bet on the outcome of the William Hill Lincoln Handicap at Doncaster today is to go for a horse who has shown that he comes to hand early by winning first time out, who has won on soft ground and also been successful over a mile.

Besides last year's victor, Star Of A Gunner, only Cry For The Clown, Sharblask and Jazetas satisfy those criteria. Of the four, I like Sharblask best.

When discussing the draw yesterday, his trainer, Nick Vigors, said that while he would have preferred a low number, he still thought that the most important factor was to have other fancied horses drawn around you. At 18, Sharblask certainly has that.

Genobra (15), Single (16) and Lady La Paz (20) are just three well-fancied runners drawn close to him.

Vigors is hoping for a good lead into the final furlong so that Paul Cook can keep Sharblask covered up for as long as possible in much the same way that he did at Ayr last September when they won a valuable handicap.

With Kim Tinkler and Lady La Paz drawn near them, Cook and Sharblask should get that lead because Lady La Paz is likely to try and make all the running up the stand rail.

Besides winning first time out at Leicester last March, Sharblask put up other decent performances at Goodwood, where he was a close fifth in the valuable Schweppes Mile, and at Haydock, where he was beaten only a neck by Gold *Prospect*.

Knowing that he has done everything asked of him throughout his preparation, he race twice. The draw and the ground are in his favour but youth is on Sharblask's side.

Earlier in the day, Spruce Baby, who ended last season by finishing second in both the Irish and French St Legers, should find the conditions of the Doncaster Shield to his liking. On form he has plenty in hand.

So, too, does *Handsome Sailor in the Cammidge Trophy*. At this stage of the season, I much prefer a sprinter with his experience to *three-year-olds of the class of* Cheever Loophole and *What Speed*.

On the jumping front, Chatam will take some beating in the Arbuthnot Leasing Handicap Hurdle at Newbury if he runs as well as he did at Cheltenham last week when he finished third in the Triumph Hurdle.

If on the other hand that hard race, which was only nine days ago, has taken its toll, Assultan should be the one to benefit because he looked as though he could have pulled a cart and still won at Sandown a fortnight ago.

Finally, the lightly-raced Sea Flower is taken to retain her unbeaten record in the Hoechst Panacur EBF Mares Only Novices' Hurdle.

Bangor doubt

Today's Bangor meeting hinges on a 7am inspection, but Hexham, the other course to inspect yesterday, will go ahead provided there is no deterioration in the weather. Leicester inspect at 10am today to decide the fate of Monday's meeting.

LINCOLN LINE-UP C4

3.40 WILLIAM HILL LINCOLN HANDICAP (£29,632: 1m str) (25 runners)

1 (10) 111/01- **CRY FOR THE CLOWN** 252 (B,D,F,G,S) (T Ramsden) A Bailey 4-9-10 ..... J Carroll (5) 87
(Royal blue, white hoops and sleeves, royal blue cap)

2 (4) 002210/ **LANCE** 665 (D,F,S) (J Blott) M Brittain 5-9-9 ..... A Bacon (7) —
(Pink, grey seams and sleeves, black seams, pink cap)

3 (18) 204210- **SHARBLASK** 175 (V,D,S) (W Pallister) N Vigors 4-9-5 ..... P Cook 95
(Red, white braces and sleeves, qrtd cap)

4 (15) 404100- **GENOBRA** 155 (D,S) (O Zawawi) M Francis 4-9-4 ..... S Cauthen 91
(White, emerald green stripe, red sleeves and cap)

5 (16) 110113- **SINGLE** 156 (D,F,G,S) (A Lansley) W Wightman 6-8-13 ..... Pat Eddery 94
(Grey, pink sleeves)

6 (14) 310000- **JUST A FLUTTER** 141 (D,F,G) (F Wilson) M Jarvis 4-8-13 ..... B Raymond ● 99
(Brown, white hooped sleeves, red and white qrtd cap)

7 (25) 400041- **BALTHUS** 175 (D,F,S) (E Bennett) J Glover 5-8-9 ..... D McKeown 94
(Black and white stripes, hooped sleeves, white cap)

8 (11) 400000- **STAR OF A GUNNER** 128J (CD,F,G,S) (M & N Plant Ltd) R Holder 8-8-8 ..... J Reid 95
(Black and orange stripes, orange sleeves, black armlets, emerald green cap)

10 (22) 001/ **ALVECOTE MAGIC** 529 (D,G) (D Collins) S Norton 4-8-6 ..... J Lowe —
(Black yellow halved, sleeves reversed, emerald green cap)

11 (17) 0/10210- **MY BUDDY** 21J (D,F,G) (G Roberts) F Jordan 4-8-6 ..... A Clark 94
(Red and white diamonds, red sleeves, check cap)

12 (2) 0/30300- **JAZETAS** 21J (B,CD,G,S) (G Cooke) N Callaghan 5-8-5 ..... W Newnes 89
(Light grey, dark green sleeves, lilac sash and cap)

13 (8) 300220- **MISS CUDDLES** 154 (Mrs S Freeman) G Balding 4-8-3 ..... R Cochrane 94
(Royal blue, emerald green stars, blue sleeves and cap, emerald green star)

14 (23) 410400- **COINCIDENTAL** 17J (G,S) (M Shone) J Edwards 6-8-1 ..... G Duffield 96
(Red, white sleeves, red and grey segmented cap)

15 (6) 114000- **SILVER HAZE** 154 (G,S) (Mrs J Hodgson) Miss S Hall 4-8-1 ..... K Darley 96
(White, orange sash and cap)

16 (9) 100030- **HARD AS IRON** 35J (F,G) (M Wickens) P Haslam 5-8-0 ..... T Williams 95
(Orange, purple sash, hooped sleeves)

17 (3) 124- **REGAL AMBITION** 305 (S) (Skeltools Ltd) J Shaw 4-7-13 ..... Paul Eddery 94
(Yellow, black star, light blue sleeves)

18 (1) 0/41000- **CUVEE CHARLIE** 147 (D,S) (R Davies) H Collingridge 4-7-13 ..... M Rimmer 91
(Royal blue and white stripes, white sleeves, white cap, diamond)

19 (7) 0300/00- **ALL FAIR** 22J (V,D,F,G,S) (T Bell) R Whitaker 7-7-12 ..... A Mackay 98
(Yellow, brown epaulets and star on cap)

20 (20) 040211- **LADY LA PAZ** 140 (CD,F,G,S) (Full Circle D Plc) N Tinkler 5-7-12 ..... Kim Tinkler 93
(Dark blue, red seams, red cap)

21 (5) 010/0- **FALLING LEAF** 56J (F) (Mrs M Williamson) I Wardle 4-7-12 ..... G Carter —
(Red, royal blue hollow box, white sleeves and cap)

22 (12) 004400- **ELEGANT ISLE** 17J (G) (M Lee) M Pipe 4-7-11 ..... R Hills 97
(Royal blue, yellow chevrons, qrtd cap)

23 (21) 0/04400- **MIGHTY GLOW** 64J (V) (P Muldoon) S Muldoon 4-7-9 ..... P Burke (7) 92
(McIntyre tartan, red sleeves and cap)

24 (19) 00033- **GRUNDY LANE** 246 (S) (A Millward) B Morgan 6-7-9 ..... G Bardwell (5) 93
(Black and white stripes, black sleeves)

25 (24) 001330- **FOUNTAINCOURT** 12J (F) (K Colton) N Tinkler 4-7-9 ..... L Charnock 95
(White orange sleeves, orange cap)

26 (13) 324121- **MISS SARAJANE** 147 (D,F,G,S) (G Smyth) R Hollinshead 4-7-8 ..... A Culhane (5) 96
(Black, gold sash, striped sleeves, hooped cap)

BETTING: 5-1 Single, 7-1 Hard As Iron, Star Of A Gunner, 8-1 Miss Cuddles, 10-1 Sharblask, Cry For The Clown, 14-1 Genobra, Silver Haze, Lady La Paz, 20-1 All Fair, Jazetas, 25-1 others.

1987: STAR OF A GUNNER 7-8-8 J Reid (9-1) R Holder 25 ran

FORM CRY FOR THE CLOWN (8-9) neck winner from BRONZEWING (8-9) at Newmarket (1m, £16726, good, July 18, 7 ran) latest start.

SHARBLASK (9-9) nack 2nd to Gold Prospect (9-10) at Haydock in September (1m, £6063, good, Sep 5, 8 ran) with ALL FAIR (9-5) 3½l 6th. Suited by soft.

GENOBRA (8-5) 1l winner from Sher Shah (9-12) at Royal Ascot (1m, £71868, heavy, June 19, 20 ran) with JUST A FLUTTER (9-7) unplaced. Suited by soft.

SINGLE (8-10) best of five victories last season 1½l win from Patrisch (9-10) at Ascot (1m, £8051, good, Sep 24, 9 ran). Improved throughout last season.

BALTHUS (8-1), 50-1 Cambridgeshire winner (1m 1f, £43900, firm, Oct 3, 31 ran) by ½l from Pictograph (7-10) with SHARBLASK (8-7) unplaced.

STAR OF A GUNNER (8-8) ¾l winner of this race last year from Vague Shot (9-4) with GRUNDY LANE (8-13) 3½l 5th (1m, £28365, soft, Mar 28, 25 ran).

MY BUDDY (9-0) 2½l winner from Straw Vale (9-2) at Goodwood on penultimate start (1m, £2415, good, Sep 28, 8 ran).

MISS CUDDLES (7-7) ½l 2nd to Bronzewing (8-13) at Ascot in September (1m, £11843, good, 12 ran).

HARD AS IRON (8-6) 2½l 3rd to Abutammam (8-8) at Newmarket on penultimate start (1m 2f, £3935, good, Aug 1, 8 ran).

LADY LA PAZ (7-7) beat Dayajeer (7-8) 1l over course and distance (1m, £5065, good, Nov 7, 15 ran) with STAR OF A GUNNER (8-9) 7th.

ELEGANT ISLE (8-6) 2l 4th to Tanouma (8-8) at Ascot in September (7f, £4045, good, 5 ran).

MISS SARAJANE (7-9) ¾l winner from Kaleidophone (7-9) at Newmarket (1m 1f, £16180, good to soft, Oct 31, 20 ran) with CUVEE CHARLIE (8-5) and MY BUDDY (8-10) unplaced.

Selection: LADY LA PAZ

BANGOR

Selections

By Mandarin

2.0 Some Panic. 2.30 Deadly Going. 3.0 Rich Nickel. 3.30 Kouros. 4.0 Inde Pulse. 4.30 Daltmore. 5.0 Cockney General.

Brian Beel's selection: 4.30 Daltmore.

Going: heavy (7.0am inspection)

2.0 PENLEY NOVICES HURDLE (£1,163: 2m) (10 runners)

14 — **MASTER MILTON** *A Bridsbourne* 5-11-1 ..... M Brisbourne —
16 00 **MOLTO RAPIDO** 22 D Moffatt 5-11-1 ..... K Ryan (4) —
17 P900 **RUN OF WEED** 6 W Morris 5-11-1 ..... W Morris —
18 R- **SEAMERE** 290 (F) B Cambidge 5-11-1 .. Mr J Cambidge —
20 -644 **SOME PANIC** 21 P Davis 6-11-1 ..... — —
22 0-00 **THE BIG WHEEL** 98 E Owen 5-11-1 ..... D Burchell (4) —
29 P-09 **APHRODISIAC** 140 R Morris 7-10-10 ..... — —
31 P0 **BLUE RAINBOW** 22 E Owen Jun 5-10-10 .. S Davies (7) —
36 0204 *THE DABBER 10 B Wells 5-10-10* ..... *Mr M Darby* —
44 U **MANDIKOVA** 14 Miss S Oliver 4-10-2 ..... J Duggan —

BETTING: 2-1 Some Panic, 11-4 The Dabber, 5-1 Master Milton, 13-2 Seamere, 8-1 Mandikova, 12-1 others.

2.30 ERBISTOCK HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,858: 2m) (7)

2 P022 **DEADLY GOING** 8 (D,BF,F,S) K Bridgwater 10-11-10 ..... A Webb —
7 0/4- **PETIT PAIN** 451 (D,S) Mrs J Pitman 7-11-2 ..... — —
13 0102 **I WONDER WHEN** 16 (D,G,S) G Price 7-10-8 ..... A Adams (7) —
16 0000 **BLACK RIVER** 18 (D,S) P Davis 7-10-6 ..... — —
21 P/00 **BRUNDEAN BREEZE** 18 (D,S) R Juckes 7-10-0 .. T Wall —
23 4U0U **DREADNOUGHT** 138 (D,S) J Carden 8-10-0 Mr J Carden —
25 0000 **KIMACERO** 22 P Hamer 10-10-0 ..... Mr R Bevan (7) —

Long handicap: Brundean Breeze 9-12, Dreadnought 9-5, Kimacero 9-4.

BETTING: 7-4 Deadly Going, 5-2 I Wonder When, 4-1 Petit Pain, 6-1 Black River, 12-1 Brundean Breeze, 14-1 others.

3.0 LABATT'S NOVICES CHASE (£3,066: 3m) (8)

7 0F13- **RICH NICKEL** 40 (B,D,S) Mrs M Rimell 6-11-8 .. J Bryan —
9 3009 **AUTUMN SHOW** 22 Miss S Oliver 9-11-3 ..... J Duggan —
20 -229 *LAKEFIELD 10 J Bulowski 9-11-3* ..... *R Stronge* —
22 00 **PURSTON STAR** 36 (B) Mrs A Knight 8-11-3 .. S Knight —
26 00FU **SHOTINGO** 17 W Sheedy 8-11-3 ..... R Bellamy (7) —
32 40F3 **DEL MAR** 16 N Thick 9-10-12 ..... *R Hyett* —
33 P3PF **GRAY ROSE-BAY** 16 E Owen Jun 8-10-12 D Burchell (4) —
34 00F0 **LA BELLE ROSE** 19 G Roe 7-10-12 ..... P McDermott (7) —

BETTING: 9-4 Rich Nickel, 3-1 Lakefield, 5-1 Del Mar, 7-1 Autumn Show, 10-1 Gray Rose-Bay, 20-1 others.

Course specialists

TRAINERS: Mrs A Hewitt, 3 winners from 15 runners, 20.0%; Mrs W Sykes, 5 from 31, 16.1%; Mrs M Rimell, 5 from 34, 14.7%. (Only qualifiers).

JOCKEYS: Diane Clay, 3 winners from 17 rides, 17.6%; J Bryan, 5 from 30, 16.7%; A Webb, 4 from 25, 16.0%; B Dowling, 4 from 25, 16.0%; M Williams, 5 from 33, 15.2%; K Ryan, 3 from 24, 12.5%.

3.30 ALTHREY WOODHOUSE HANDICAP CHASE (£2,607: 2m 4f) (7)

2 0011 **KOUROS** 15 (G,S) O Brennan 9-12-3 ..... M Brennan —
8 1010 **KILSYTH** 42 (C,BF,G,S) Miss S Wilton 9-10-7 ..... — —
10 U094 **NUDGE NUDGE** 29 (D,F,G,S) Mrs A Hewitt 8-10-5 ..... M Williams —
13 1243 **ALICE'S BOY** 31 (D,S) R Francis 7-10-0 ..... S J O'Neill —
15 2120 **BORLEAFRAS** 8 (C,BF,F,S) D Moffatt 8-10-0 ..... — —
17 0003 **TIERENEE** 18 (CD,F,S) F Barton 10-10-0 ..... R Crank —
18 F004 **GOOD INVESTMENT** 74 B Llewellyn 8-10-0 .... C Evans —

Long handicap: Kilsyth 9-8, Nudge Nudge 9-6, Alice's Boy 8-13, Borleafras 8-12, Tierenee 8-1, Good Investment 7-3.

BETTING: 11-4 Kouros, 7-2 Kilsyth, 4-1 Borleafras, 5-1 Alice's Boy, 13-2 Nudge Nudge, 12-1 Tierenee.

4.0 LIGHTWOOD GREEN NOVICES HURDLE (£1,270: 2m 4f) (7)

13 0PP **GADBROOK** 18 R Lee 6-11-2 ..... B Dowling —
16 02 **INDE PULSE** 28 (BF) N Henderson 6-11-2 ..... S Smith Eccles —
21 0-P *PROVE THE CASE* 42 R Peacock 8-11-2 ..... *R Crank* —
25 0 **SHAREEF** 31 W Clay 5-11-2 ..... Diane Clay (7) —
35 0PF0 **AWANEEM** 16 (F) Miss S Oliver 7-10-11 ..... J Duggan —
37 — *BLUE GIFT M James 11-10-11* ..... *J Barton (7)* —
40 000 **WILLOW WREN** 67 Mrs W Sykes 5-10-11 ..... — —

BETTING: 1-10 Inde Pulse, 8-1 Shareef, 14-1 Willow Wren, 20-1 others.

4.30 HUGH PEEL HUNTER CHASE (Amateurs: £680: 3m) (8)

3 0-43 **AL BORAK** 22 (G) J Dalton 14-11-11 ..... A Dalton (7) —
5 -031 **NIGHT SAFE** 23 (G,S) Mrs J Griffith 7-11-11 ..... J Griffiths (7) —
9 0/09 **CARNEADES** 35 (S) D Smyly 8-11-7 ..... G Smyly (7) —
10 — **CROWN OF DESTINY** R Taylor 8-11-7 ..... — —
11 02F2 **DALTMORE** 17 (F,G,S) (D,BF) R Aston 10-11-7 ..... W Barlow (7) —
13 302- **EASTERN DESTINY** 315 W Tilley 10-11-7 ..... — —
14 4323 **NORTHERN BAY** 8 (F,G,S) (D) T Bill 12-11-7 ..... J Railton (7) —
16 0/ **SADDLE LAKE** 672 R Edwards 9-11-7 ..... — —

BETTING: 5-2 Daltmore, 3-1 Night Safe, 4-1 Northern Bay, 11-2 Al Borak, 8-1 Eastern Destiny, 12-1 others.

5.0 GRUNWICK NH FLAT RACE (£1,117: 2m) (9)

3 0 **COCKNEY GENERAL** 14 R Dickin 5-11-10 . M Jones (7)
9 0- **POMPEY THE GREAT** 505 J Carden 6-11-10 ..... Miss C Carden (7)
12 4- **SILLIAN** 336 Mrs A Hewitt 6-11-10 ..... —
17 0- **LEYSTERS QUEEN** 309 G Jones 5-11-5 ..... —
18 — *LITTLE BRIG Mrs A Ratcliff 5-11-5* ..... *A Sharratt (7)*
19 — **PINKY'S GIRL** R Juckes 5-11-5 ..... —
26 — **MY DAD JOHN** E Owen 4-11-2 ..... S Davies
32 — *ALMARICA E Owen 4-10-11* ..... *D Burchell*
33 — **CONA CAILE** T Bailey 4-10-11 ..... C Hay (7)

BETTING: 6-4 Sillian, 4-1 Cockney General, 5-1 Leysters Queen, 8-1 Almarica, 10-1 My Dad John, 12-1 others.

● Mark Dwyer misses his scheduled rides at *Hexham today* following a fall at Catterick yesterday. He was kicked by the horses behind him when his mount, Big Ash, fell in the Aquarius Novices' Handicap Chase. Dwyer received a bruised shoulder but expects to resume on Monday.

DONCASTER

Selections

By Mandarin	By Our Newmarket Correspondent
2.30 Quinett.	2.30 ——
3.05 Spruce Baby.	3.05 Santella Sam.
3.40 SHARBLASK (nap).	3.40 HARD AS IRON (nap).
4.15 *Fille D'Esprit.*	4.15 *General Silky.*
4.45 Handsome Sailor.	4.45 What Speed.
5.15 *Firm Price.*	5.15 *Non Constat.*
5.45 Oriental Treasure.	5.45 Kalakate.

By Michael Seely

3.40 SINGLE (nap). 4.45 Handsome Sailor.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 3.05 SPRUCE BABY.

Going: soft Draw: high numbers beat in sprints; 1m str, low numbers favoured

2.30 EBF GREY FRIARS MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O: £1,867: 5f) (13 runners)

1 (4) **BARRYS GAMBLE** (North Cheshire T & S Ltd) T Fairhurst 9-0 ..... S Whitworth —
2 (3) **BLUE MONEY** *(J Davey)* M McCormack 9-0 ..... T Quinn —
3 (2) **BOLD GAMBLE** *(J Billings)* *Ron Thompson 9-0* ..... *R P Elliott* —
4 (1) **CANNON'S WAY** (T Cannon) J Berry 9-0 ..... J Carroll (5) —
5 (5) **CONE LANE** (B Gubby Ltd) B Gubby 9-0 ..... N Hagan —
7 (13) **EBOR NOVA** (I MacDonald) J Wainwright 9-0 ..... K Darley —
9 (9) **JUST GERARD** (Killoran Civil Eng Ltd) N Tinkler 9-0 ..... Kim Tinkler —
10 (10) **KAYEM** *(K MacPherson)* P Calver 9-0 ..... M Fry —
12 (7) **NIKLAS ANGEL** (P Charalambous) M Brittain 9-0 ..... A Bacon (7) —
13 (8) **NORTHERN PRANCER** (P Haskell) H Wharton 9-0 ..... D Nicholls —
14 (11) **QUIKETT** (M Murphy) M Brittain 9-0 ..... M Wigham —
16 (12) **THE OIL BARON** (C Blackwell) R Hannon 9-0 ..... L Jones (5) —
17 (6) **BIRMINGHAM'S PRIDE** (Daily News Ltd) R Hollinshead 8-9 ..... S Perks —

BETTING: 3-1 Quinett, 7-2 Blue Money, 9-2 Cannon's Way, 6-1 Just Gerard, 7-1 The Oil Baron, 14-1 Barrys Gamble, Kayem, 16-1 Ebor Nova, Birmingham's Pride, 20-1 others.

1987: PAYVASHOOZ 8-9 K Darley (9-2) M Brittain 7 ran

3.5 DONCASTER SHIELD (£10,887: 1m 4f) (7 runners) C 4

1 (4) 213100- **ALTOUNTASH** 205 (F,G) (R Hitchcock) I Wardle 4-8-10 ..... G Carter 77
2 (5) 132/ *ARRASAS* 511 (G) (Westcliff Bloodstock Ltd) *J Long 4-8-10* ..... — —
3 (1) 412001- **BEESHI** 193 (D,F,G,S) (F Salman) P Cole 4-8-10 ..... T Quinn 85
5 (6) 101208/ **PAST GLORIES** 11J (D,F,S) (N Hetherton) W Elsey 5-8-10 ..... S Cauthen —
6 (3) 303000- **SANTELLA SAM** 25J (G) (R Talarico) M Ryan 4-8-10 ..... G Bardwell 80
7 (2) 420222- **SPRUCE BABY** 153 (CD,F) (R Entesmann) S Norton 4-8-10 ..... J Lowe ● 99
11 (7) 111040- **WELGENCO** 10J (D,F) (A Birchall) S Mellor 6-8-7 ..... M Wigham —

BETTING: 6-4 Spruce Baby, 3-1 Beeshi, 4-1 Past Glories, 6-1 Santella Sam, 14-1 Altountash, 20-1 Welgenco, 33-1 Arrasas.

1987: GEORDIE'S DELIGHT 4-8-13 Pat Eddery (11-4 fav) L Piggott 9 ran

FORM ALTOUNTASH (5-4) easy 3l winner from Halcanor (5-4) at Folkestone (1m 7f 100yd, £959, good to firm, Aug 11, 5 ran).

ARRASAS (8-11) 3l 2nd to Grand Tour (8-11) at Newmarket (1m 2f, £9536, soft, Nov 1 1986, 12 ran).

BEESHI (9-7) beat Gesualdo (9-7) 6l at Lingfield (1m 4f, £2257, good, Sep 15, 7 ran).

PAST GLORIES (8-13) last seen at best on Flat when beaten ¾l by Wassi Reef (9-11) at Ayr (1m 5f, £4854, good to firm, Sep 18 1985, 6 ran). Unplaced in Champion Hurdle.

SANTELLA SAM (8-7) 1½l 5th to Media Starguest (9-7) at Doncaster (1m 2f 50yd, £4643, good, Nov 7, 16 ran).

SPRUCE BABY (8-12) 9l 2nd to Eurobird (8-9) in Irish St Leger at the Curragh (1m 6f, £98400, soft, Oct 11, 8 ran); subsequently 9l 2nd to Royal Gait in French equivalent.

WELGENCO (9-6) 4l winner from New Gent (7-11) at Laytown (1m 4f, £345, good, Aug 21, 5 ran).

Selection: SPRUCE BABY

3.40 WILLIAM HILL LINCOLN HANDICAP (£29,632: 1m str) (25 runners) C 4

RUNNER AND RIDERS — SEE LEFT

4.15 MAIL ON SUNDAY THREE-YEAR-OLD SERIES (Handicap: £4,162: 7f) (16 runners) C 4

2 (1) 149100- **FAG IN HAND** 163 (G) (Mrs M Haggas) W Haggas 9-7 ..... M Hills 92
3 (11) 0100- **HUAN** 193 (G) (Elisha Holding) Mrs L Piggott 9-4 ..... P Bernard (5) 90
6 (3) 4U0030- **SNO PROBLEM** 155 (S) (Mrs J Gold) R Boss 9-0 ..... S Cauthen 86
7 (5) 340600- **COR DE CHASSE** 145 (Mrs J McDougald Farms Inc) I Balding 9-0 ..... T Ives 81
8 (15) 230304- **PAYVASHOOZ** 238 (C,S) (M D M Racing Ltd) M Brittain 8-13 ..... M Wigham 68
9 (10) 021- **ERADICATE** 151 (S) (K MacPherson) P Calver 8-12 ..... M Fry 85
10 (2) 243- **GENERAL SILKY** 146 (E Moller) G Wragg 8-11 ..... Paul Eddery 87
12 (8) 041- **STATED CASE** 283 (D,S) (P Muldoon) M H Easterby 8-9 ..... M Birch 86
13 (13) 133200- **MISS CARO STAR** 189 (G) (C Oliey) C Brittain 8-8 ..... M Roberts ● 99
14 (12) 613000- *HINARI VIDEO* 141 (G) (Hinari Con Electronics Ltd) M Johnston 8-8 .... R P Elliott 92
15 (4) 002200- **YUFFROUW ANN** 154 (F,G) (Mrs I Reichler) K Ivory 8-7 ..... I Jupp (7) 93
16 (6) 343404- **VINTON VA** 240 (J Goodman) Capt J Wilson 8-5 ..... K Darley 87
17 (9) 350000- **ELA-YIANNI-MOU** 152 (F,G) (P Charalambous) M Brittain 8-2 ..... A Munro (7) 92
18 (14) 002402- **LADY LUSTRE** 140 (J Peters) C Allen 8-0 ..... R Fox 91
20 (16) 01- **FILLE D'ESPRIT** 158 (S) (Mrs C Dickson) W Haggas 7-12 ..... G Bardwell (5) 95
21 (7) 000- **PRINCE OF THE LAKE** 154 (R Butters) R Hollinshead 7-12 ..... A Culhane (5) 90

BETTING: 5-1 *Fille D'Esprit*, 7-1 Miss Caro Star, 8-1 Ela-Yianni-Mou, Payvashooz, 10-1 General Silky, 11-1 Sno Problem, 12-1 Cor De Chasse, Stated Case, 14-1 Eradicate, Fag In Hand, 16-1 others.

1987: MISTER COLIN 9-0 B Rouse (14-1) R Hannon 14 ran

FORM HUAN (9-0) best effort 3l win from Military Salute (9-0) at Nottingham (6f, £1782, good, July 27, 8 ran).

PAYVASHOOZ (8-5) ¾l 3rd to Very Special Lady (7-9) at York (5f, £3941, good to firm, July 11, 10 ran) with VINTON VA (7-7) ¼l 5th.

ERADICATE (9-0) ¾l winner from Top One (9-0) on heavy ground at Redcar (6f, £959, Oct 27, 14 ran).

GENERAL SILKY (9-0) 3l 3rd to Silent Sister (8-9) at Newmarket (6f, £3594, good to soft, Oct 30, 17 ran).

STATED CASE (8-3) odds on for ¾l win from Snyder (8-1) at Thirsk (7f auction, £1680, good to soft, June 17, 14 ran) with YUFFROUW ANN (8-4) unplaced.

MISS CARO STAR (8-12) 4l 2nd to Tralos (9-3) at Sandown in July (7f, £4387, soft, 3 ran).

FILLE D'ESPRIT (8-10) ¾l winner from LADY LUSTRE (8-2) at Leicester (6f claiming, £3180, soft, Oct 20, 19 ran).

Selection: MISS CARO STAR

NEWBURY

Selections

By Mandarin

1.45 Flag Of Truce.	3.50 Gwyn Howard.
2.15 Sea Flower.	4.20 Emrys.
2.50 Chatam.	4.50 Black Moccasin.
3.20 Fair Child.	5.20 Dis Train.

Michael Seely's selection: 2.50 Chatam.

Going: heavy

1.45 STEEL PLATE & SECTIONS YOUNG CHASERS' NOVICES CHASE (Qualifier: £2,512: 2m 160yd) (7 runners) BBC 1

101 40/3-311 **MISSING MAN** 15 (C,D,G) *(Mrs L Simpson)* *J Gifford 8-11-11* ..... *R Rowe* 82
106 44F00F **BIGEE** 16 (D,F,G,S) (P Kearney) J Sayers 7-11-3 ..... H Davies —
109 F-41322 **FLAG OF TRUCE** 28 (B,S) (P Lee) S Christian 8-11-3 ..... R Beggan 91
115 U00212 **ROYAL CRACKER** 22 (S) (Harlow Bros Ltd) T Bill 7-11-3 ..... — ● 99
117 3-0000F **SOLAR CLOUD** 71 (G,S) (B Brooks) D Nicholson 6-11-3 ..... R Dunwoody —
118 00-00PP **SOUTHERNS** 76 (C,G) (Southern Caravan Group) *J Gifford 8-11-3* ..... *Mr T Grantham* —
123 000003 **PROBLEM CHILD** 18 (C,G) (Amity Finance Ltd) R Akehurst 5-10-7 ..... Dale McKeown 90

BETTING: 9-4 *Flag Of Truce*, 3-1 *Royal Cracker*, 100-30 *Missing Man*, 8-1 Bigee, 14-1 Problem Child, 16-1 Southerns, 20-1 Solar Cloud.

1987: SMART TAR 8-11-3 R Dunwoody (12-1) M Wilkinson 13 ran

FORM MISSING MAN (11-6) beat Glenavey (11-6) 2l at Sandown (2m 4f 88yd, £3302, good, Mar 11, 6 ran).

FLAG OF TRUCE (11-0) 12l 2nd to Saffron Lord (11-9) at Kempton (2m, £3753, good to soft, Feb 27, 5 ran).

ROYAL CRACKER (11-9) 5l 2nd to Guisborough Town (11-4) at Southwell (2m 74yd, £1346, good, Mar 4, 7 ran).

SOUTHERNS (11-3) pulled up behind Hettinger (11-9) at Lingfield (2m, £1700, heavy, Jan 7, 9 ran).

PROBLEM CHILD (10-7) 2¾l 3rd to Sea Garden (11-1) at Warwick (2m, £2347, good, Mar 8, 13 ran).

Selection: ROYAL CRACKER

2.15 HOECHST PANACUR EBF MARES ONLY NOVICES HURDLE FINAL (Limited handicap: £7,092: 2m 4f 120yd) (23 runners) BBC 1

201 11312F **REDGRAVE DEVIL** 9 (D,S) (T Bish) K Bishop 6-12-0 ..... — 97
202 0-30120 **TARAHUMARA** 24 (BF,S) (Southern Caravan Group) J Gifford 6-11-2 ..... R Rowe 88
204 1-1 **SEA FLOWER** 24 (D,F) (Southern Racing Ltd) D Barons 6-11-0 ..... P Nicholls 86
205 22F042 *WILD SAP* 16 (T Fitchett) *Lady Herries 6-10-13* ..... *M Kinane* 95
206 001441 **FEELING ROSEY** 24 (D,G,S) (D Todd) D Todd 6-10-13 ..... A J Oates 95
207 01 **GWENNAP** 39 (S) (Mrs D Hurndall-Waldron) N Henderson 5-10-11 ..... J Osborne (4) 88
208 014042 **ROSIE CONE** 24 (B,D,BF,S) (M Smith) Mrs P Sly 6-10-11 ..... M Bastard 96
209 000813 **PRICELESS PERIL** 24 (D,S) (A Green) Miss M Bell 5-10-8 ..... M Hammond 98
210 06203U *HOPE COVE* 18 (F,S) (Southern Racing Ltd) *D Barons 6-10-9* ..... *N Hawke* 93
211 200336 **WARCHANT** 24 (D,F,G) (E Wilkinson) R Whitaker 6-10-8 ..... R J Beggan 94
213 0-03 **CARMINDA** 24 (D Montagu) N Henderson 6-10-6 ..... J White 96
214 0FF220 **HOT'N SCOPEY** 16 (BF) (J White) J King 6-10-6 ..... — 88
215 P-34140 **LONGRIVER LADY** 22 (D,S) (D Brown) R Holder 5-10-5 ..... N Coleman 94
216 3F04 *REGAL NOD 24 (Mrs G Bowles) R Armytage 7-10-5* ..... — 90
217 F-02024 **JANE CRAIG** 21 (BF) (S Griffiths) S Griffiths 5-10-4 ..... — 98
218 40140 **JAYELLS DREAM** 24 (G) (J Stones) P Hobbs 6-10-2 ..... G McCourt 93
219 000 **ROSIE MARCHIONESS** 24 (V Barclay) F Walwyn 5-10-2 ..... S Shilston 85
222 2000 **CORRIE LASS** 16 (A Raison) K Bishop 5-10-2 ..... — ● 99
223 2/20P23 *STEPALONG* 39 (A Smith) *D Gandolfo 7-10-1* ..... — 92
227 0-4004 **SMOKIN' ANNA** 15 (C House) J Old 7-10-0 ..... R Dunwoody 96
228 0044F0 **GRAYROSE DOUBLE** 15 (Dr G Jones) E Owen Jun 5-10-0 ..... — 90
229 0P00P **MR JERSEY** 22 (D Plaskett) T Bulgin 6-10-0 ..... B de Haan —
231 000 **IMPY WAY** 18 (K Weisselberg) K Weisselberg 6-10-0 ..... — —

Long handicap: Smokin' Anna 9-7, *Grayrose Double* 9-6, *Mr Jersey* 9-3, *Impy Way* 9-0.

BETTING: 9-2 Sea Flower, 11-2 Stepalong, 6-1 Jane Craig, 7-1 Hot'n Scopey, 15-2 Carminda, Wild Sap, 8-1 Princeless Peril, 10-1 others.

1987: TSARELLA 5-11-1 S Smith Eccles (11-1) N Henderson 19 ran

FORM REDGRAVE DEVIL (11-5), on penultimate start, 6l 2nd to Rymster (11-0) at Kempton (2m, £2066, soft, Feb 26, 19 ran).

SEA FLOWER (10-12) beat HOT'N SCOPEY (10-12) 4l at Worcester (2m 4f, £1908, good to firm, Mar 2, 25 ran) with CARMINDA (10-12) 1½l 3rd. REGAL NOD (10-12) 1½l 4th. TARAHUMARA (11-5) 7th. ROSIE MARCHIONESS (10-12) 9th. CORRIE LASS (10-12) 10th and JAYELLS DREAM (11-5) 13th.

WILD SAP (11-4) 5l 2nd to Over and Above (11-1) at Stratford (2m 6f, £2217, good to soft, Mar 10, 18 ran) with HOT'N SCOPEY (10-4) 9th and HOPE COVE (11-6) leading when unseating three out.

FEELING ROSEY (11-0) got up close home to beat ROSIE CONE (11-0) a neck at Wetherby (2m 4f, £1380, good, Mar 2, 21 ran) with PRICELESS PERIL (11-0) 2l 3rd. WARCHANT (11-0) 7½l 5th and GRAYROSE DOUBLE (10-7) a taller 3 out.

GWENNAP (10-7) beat TARAHUMARA (11-0) 1½l at Towcester (2m, £1643, heavy, Feb 16, 18 ran) with HOPE COVE (11-0) 2½l 3rd, ROSIE CONE (11-0) a length 4th and ROSIE MARCHIONESS (10-7) 8th.

TARAHUMARA (10-12) beat CORRIE LASS (10-12) 2l at Fontwell (2m, £1643, soft, Jan 18, 19 ran).

Selection: PRICELESS PERIL

2.50 ARBUTHNOT LEASING HANDICAP HURDLE (4-Y-O: £11,573: 2m 100yd) (13 runners) BBC 1

302 201021 **SILVER OCEAN** 25 (D,S) *(R Ellis)* *Miss B Sanders 11-10* ..... *I Shoemark (7)* 72
305 13 **CHATAM** 9 (D,F) (Dr S Nolan) M Pipe 11-7 ..... P Scudamore ● 98
309 201132 **PRINCESS SEMELE** 21 (D,F,S) (Otterdrem Associates Ltd) M Pipe 11-6 ..... — 77
310 1 **FLUTTER MONEY** 23 (D,G) (R Dollar) A Hicks 11-5 ..... H Davies 76
313 01204 **HIGHLAND BOUNTY** 14 (G) (A Etheridge) S Dow 11-2 ..... J Duggan 76
315 0242 *CASTLE WARD 14 (Mrs P Pout) F Winter 11-2* ..... *B de Haan* 81
317 011000 **RECORD FLIGHT** 9 (D,S) (F Crumpler) G Ham 11-0 ..... — 90
318 0302 **LALITPOUR** 22 (E Kelly) J Jenkins 11-0 ..... — 77
319 1011 **ASSULTAN** 14 (D,F,G) (D Cantillon) B Curley 10-13 ..... *D Murphy* 80
322 20030 **LADY OF BATH** 14 (S) (D Hodges) D Elsworth

RUGBY UNION: EVEN WITHOUT MELVILLE, WASPS LOOK STRONG ENOUGH TO PLAY THEIR WAY INTO A JOHN PLAYER SPECIAL CUP SHOWDOWN AGAINST BRISTOL

Weather may prove vital as Harlequins strive for first final

By David Hands, Rugby Correspondent

Of the four clubs that meet today in the semi-finals of the John Player Special Cup, only one, Harlequins, has never played in a cup final. Both Moseley and Bristol, who meet at the Reddings, have appeared in three finals, while Wasps, who entertain Harlequins at Sudbury, have been losing finalists for the last two years.

Whether Harlequins make up for this deficiency may depend as much as anything upon the weather; it is not so long since they overcame an aversion to mud and the portents are not good, but given reasonable going they have the capacity and the self-confidence to beat Wasps. On a wet day, though, I would take Wasps to play a limited game more effectively.

Wasps will play Bates at scrum half instead of the unfortunate Melville, injured playing for England last Saturday, but could hardly be said to be unduly weakened. Bates, a divisional player, has played in two cup finals, and Wasps may feel the absence more of Rigby, the aggressive little flanker, who has been suffering from a stomach virus.

Again the quality of Wasps' replacements leaves nothing to be desired since Rose is moved back from lock and O'Leary returns. There will alsobe a contest within a contest, as the respective hookers, Simmons and Olver, strive for supremacy in the hope of joining England's tour party to Australia in May.

The Harlequins will be without Eagle and Davies, their first-choice wings, and Ackford has strained knee ligaments. If he fails a fitness test this morning, van Heerden, who has played for both Natal and Western Province, will make his first cup appearance at lock, while the form of the replacement wings in recent weeks has been comforting, notably that of Harriman, the former Cambridge Blue, at Coventry last weekend.

Moseley's captains have not had much luck this season: Metcalfe was ruled out by injury as far back as September and now Barr, the flanker, misses the game against Bristol. Robson takes over the leadership, playing opposite Harding, the man with whom he will tour Australia as second-choice scrum half.

Exeter, a Scotland B centre this season, is recalled, but on the wing against a Bristol side including Phillips at loose-head prop after a long absence recovering from a hand injury.

Bath, winners of the competition for the past four years but beaten by Moseley in the last round, have offered Bristol the dossier they compiled on Moseley, and Bob Hesford, the Bristol coach, said: "I believe Bath made a mistake when they lost 4-3 by keeping their game tight and rigid. I'm looking for more flexibility, for we can stretch the Moseley forwards by moving the ball out to the wings."

In a way Moseley have the greater hurdle to overcome after sustaining such an effort against Bath. Bristol, potentially the more versatile side, should celebrate their centenary season with another final appearance.

Semi-final teams

At Sudbury

WASPS: N Stringer; S Smith, R Lozowski, K Simms, M Bailey; R Andrew, S Bates; P Rendall, A Simmons, J Probyn, M Rose, C Pennegar, S O'Leary, D Pegler, J Ellson.
HARLEQUINS: S Thresher; S Hunter, W Carling, J Salmon, A Harriman; A Thompson, R Moon; P Curtis, J Olver, A Mullins, M Skinner, N Edwards. P Ackford or H van Heerden, D Williams, R Langhorn.
Referee: C High (Manchester).

At the Reddings

MOSELEY: J Goodwin; A Parsons, J Desborough, C Amtzen, T Exeter; S Pearce, S Robson; M Linnett, C Barbor, G Smith, N Jeavons, A Recardo, R Denhardt, K Hickey, P Shillingford.
BRISTOL: J Webb; J Carr, R Knibbs, D Thomas, H Duggan; S Hogg, R Harding; C Phillips, D Palmer, J Doubleday, A Dun, N Pomphrey, A Blackmore, W Hone, P Collings.
Referee: R Quittenton (London).

Williams's finale for Harlequins

By David Hands

"When they saw him play, the boys couldn't believe that he wasn't an All Black," Richard Best, the Harlequins coach, says of Dirk Williams, the open-side flanker who has been the catalyst for the club's consistency over the last three months.

That successful run includes, of course, three victories in the John Player Special Cup and Best has paid Williams the ultimate compliment of adjusting his side's style of play so as to take greater advantage of the qualities that Williams offers. Yet, even if they win the semi-final against Wasps today, Williams will not be available for the final: he returns to New Zealand next week in the hope of winning an elusive black jersey.

Williams is 27 next Thursday and time is not on his side. Michael Jones made the No. 7 shirt his own during the World Cup but, because New Zealand's internationals against Australia this summer are on Sundays, Jones will not be able to play in them because of his religious convictions. So a vacancy exists. But there has never been a shortage of quality loose forwards in New Zealand and Williams will be one of many trying to impress, initially in the Pacific Cup and when Wellington play Wales on May 21.

His former coach at Wellington, Earle Kirton, is a New Zealand selector. It was Kirton who pointed Williams towards his former club, Harlequins, when he expressed an interest in seeing more of Britain after the Zealand Barbarians' tour here last season. Williams hopes to return during the next few years.

Williams is the kind of player Harlequins like, too. They have had some notable imports in the past and Best, conscious of having played with such as Andy Haden, says: "I cannot think of any overseas player who has made a more valuable contribution than Dirk. It's all about things like body positions, presentation of the ball, the support he offers our centres."

Williams suggests that Harlequins try to play to their full potential which, of course, involves risk. But they have the players capable of minimizing the risk: "I'm very impressed with the backs here, they're a long way ahead of New Zealand back play. The ball they get isn't as good as in New Zealand, but it's been coming right with Quins over the last couple of months."

Williams finds the standard of play in Harlequins' fixture list uneven and he repeats a criticism made by others that the season is too long here. In terms of general play he finds it curious that there is no strict philosophy about second-phase ball and how it should be used: "Why set up a ruck or a maul in the first place if it's not for the backs to use?"

On the other hand he enjoys the concept of a national knock-out competition, which has no equivalent in New Zealand, just as divisional club rugby in England has no exact parallel in New Zealand, being halfway in standard between club and top provincial rugby. "Like the FA Cup here, it generates interest throughout the game," he says. There will be some generating going on at Sudbury today and it will be no surprise if Williams is the creative force behind much of it.

Ballymena set sights on semi-final

Ballymena will be without Davy Smyth, their pack leader and former Ulster flanker, for their Ulster senior cup quarter-final game against Queen's University at Eaton Park this afternoon (George Ace writes).

Smyth, who has contributed greatly to the improved performances of the pack of late, is replaced by Hughes, a more than useful back row man, and, while Queen's will fight every inch of the way, Ballymena must be fancied to clinch a semi-final place.

Anderson, Ireland's No. 8, against England last weekend, plays in the middle of the back row for the first time this season for Dungannon against Malone at Gibson Park in another quarter-final game. Harbinson, the Irish trialist now playing for London Irish, is not making the trip this weekend and his place for Malone goes to Thompson.

Dungannon caused the upset of the opening round by defeating the holders Ards. They are, however, certain to find Malone a different proposition. Beaten, rather unluckily, by Bangor in a thrilling play-off for the senior league title, Malone combine flair in defence with a rugged forward game and are one of the most consistent sides in Ulster and the equal of any in Ireland.



Sights on Twickenham: Richard Harding aims to return to headquarters in his Bristol jersey

Pontypool call in Butler

By Gerald Davies

Neath, who confront Pontypool in the semi-final of the Schweppes Welsh Cup today at the Arms Park, have delayed the announcement of their team until this morning. Following on the trends set by so many football managers, Brian Thomas, manager of the Neath club, has introduced the idea into Welsh rugby. How much this can be interpreted as giving some kind of tactical advantage to a team is uncertain but having done so on other occasions it is clearly seen as such down Neath way.

Were it to be another club, it might, conversely be seen as indicating a lack of confidence. There is no shortage of that, though, in Neath but having lost to Pontypool on the previous two occasions this season, the Welsh All Black will want to use every bit of what wit they have to upset their opponents' forward planning.

There is no such hesitation at Pontypool. They have already declared their hand. Apart from Kevin Moseley, their Welsh B Lock who withdrew because of influenza, they field their strongest team. Eddie Butler is called once more into the fray and will view matters from a different angle than he now usually does as a rugby pundit on the broadcasting rostrum.

He came on as replacement for Moseley in the quarter-final match against Cardiff and his experience and calming influence played a telling part in that victory which, at one stage, appeared to be slipping away from his team. There were doubts too about Steve Jones, their hooker and captain, but he has recovered from a recent knee injury.

Pontypool, though, know because of their other successes, that they have it in them to win but are asked to prove the point for a third time in a competition in which, traditionally, they have not always given the best account of themselves. For all their domination of the club scene over the last decade and more, they have only won the cup once in 1983.

Neath, for their part, need not be told that if they are to succeed they need to bottle up the tenacious and unrelenting competitiveness of one man, David Bishop, who rules Pontypool's game in a way no other single player does for any other team in the country. So far they have failed to do so.

The other semi-final is between Llanelli and Aberavon, at St Helens, Swansea. The latter, no doubt, will readily admit themselves to a surprise at finding themselves at this stage of the competition. They have shown a rugged determination to do so.Their game is of a limited, though effective, scope but it is difficult to see them overcoming the teams with a variety of talent

WEEKEND TEAM NEWS

Bath v Orrell

Bath play Lumsden on the wing and Knight at scrum half in this re-arranged first division match, with Palmer replacing the absent Barnes at stand-off. He faces Ainscough in an Orrell XV including Langford on the wing.

Leicester v Sale

Burnhill replaces Underwood on Leicester's wing and Charles is at No. 8 for the unavailable Richards. Richardson returns to the front row against a Sale pack with Kenrick, Howe and Whitcombe all available.

Richmond v Bedford

Orwin, newly appointed as the England captain, returns to lead Bedford in a hastily arranged league match against a Richmond side with Rimmer at No. 8 and the youth and experience of Rydon and Preston at centre.

Liverpool-St Helens v Headingley

Liverpool-St Helens renew their assault on the leadership of the second division with a full-strength side against the same Headingley XV that beat London Welsh last weekend.

Exeter v Birmingham

Exeter give Collins his league debut at full back and bring Best into the back row against a Birmingham side which has yet to record a league victory in the third division.

Fylde v Wakefield

Fylde's three England representatives, Dooley and the B men, Bainbridge and Macfarlane, return against a Wakefield side lacking Adamson at full back. Lilley plays instead and Fennell plays on the flank.

W Hartlepool v Maidstone

West Hartlepool make one change, bringing in Cook at loose-head prop for Lancaster, and hope to make up ground on the third-division leaders, Wakefield. Maidstone are unchanged.

Sheffield v Vale of Lune

Holmes, the England B scrum half, plays his 250th game for Sheffield, who have Sandilands (wing), Parsons (lock) and Carter (flanker) available. Vale have Brown and Dent in the pack and Whatmuff in the centre.

Nuneaton v Plymth Albn

Doncaster plays on Nuneaton's wing and Boffey moves to full back. Ellis, the vice-captain returns to the back row but Nuneaton will do well to beat Albion, even though they have lost Walkin, their wing, to Bath.

Intuition confronts power as Fiji challenge holders



Simon Barnes

Hong Kong

Sport revels in the simplest classificatious and offers the most obvious forms of duality; that is part of its charm. Where, I wonder, would I be without those rambling pub discussions about intuitive flare versus organized professionalism? Glenn Hoddle versus Peter Storey, Ian Botham versus Geoffrey Boycott; the possibilities are endless.

That is why I am looking forward to the start of the Cathay Pacific Hong Kong Bank invitation sevens today. On seeding and all known form, the final should be a repeat of last year: the All Blacks against Fiji. It is the Arsenal v Tottenham of seven-a-side rugby. Last year, the All Blacks won.

New Zealanders thought for years that sevens was a silly game, and they have always refused to take it seriously. But now they have changed their minds, and in doing so they have reinvented the game.

Sevens is traditionally an open, quixotic, running and passing game. But the All Blacks, by playing to their traditional strength, have brought their own kind of remorselessness to the game — and with an almighty physical approach. For them, sevens is now business as usual: and business for an All Black is tough, grinding, bruising, battling football.

"We will be playing on much the same lines as in the last three years," Peter Thorburn, the All Black coach, said, and he said it darkly. And this means that All Black games will not be a barrel of laughs.

But all this does not mean that I disapprove of the All Blacks or their approach; it just means I hope they get beaten. If you seek flare and ingenious in sport, then you are totally reliant on the Arsenal types. For the better organized and drilled such sides get, the more flare and genius it takes to overcome them.

The point of brilliantly organized defences is the genius that is needed to bring them down. If you don't have the high quality man-markers, kickers and spoilers, then there is no need for a Pelé or a Best. So I'm all in favour of superbly organized mediocrity. Particularly when it gets beaten.

It is unfair to call the All Blacks mediocre, really; let us call them relentless and leave it there. They could just be vulnerable this year: they have a couple of injury scares in their squad: Zinzan Brooke (I am assured that *is* his name) pulled a calf muscle while warming up. Sportsmen seem to do this all the time. I always thought that the point of warming up was to stop you injuring yourself when you start to play; but warming-up seems to have been elevated into the most dangerous part of the game these days.

The All Blacks are seeded to meet the informal, Barbarian-type side, the Penguins, in the semi-finals, and among the Penguins is David Kirk, who was captain of the All Blacks when they won the World Cup. There are two more former All Blacks in the side.

Brooke was asked how he felt about facing them, but he said he would treat it as just another game. To quote the immortal words of Mandy Rice-Davies, he would, wouldn't he?

Fiji are probably the very narrow favourites, with the All Blacks second favourites. Australia, under Bob Dwyer, their newly reappointed coach, are looking good, but several people have tipped the Penguins as the value bet of the tournament. Kirk himself gives the edge to the national sides, because big-time sevens is now a game of organized teams rather than ad hoc combination.

I'm hoping for some quite rigorously organized sides, who will give us really boring, solid, effective, uninspiring rugby. For that, of course, is the perfect foil for genius.

Exacting day in prospect for the Navy

The RAF have changed considerably since the conclusion of last season's services tournament and only five players remain in the XV which plays the Royal Navy at Twickenham today for the Windsor Life Trophy — a much-chastened Navy, after losing by 30 points to the Army earlier this month (David Hands writes).

If Hull, at stand-off half, can help give Underwood as much enjoyment as he had with England against Ireland last weekend, then the Navy, services champions last season, could have another difficult day.

They have made only two changes, one positional, from three weeks ago.

RAF: Cpl N Raikes (Lyneham); Cpl K Holifield (Brize Norton), Flt Lt I Gostin (Oakhanger, capt), Cpl P Bradley (St Athan), FO R Underwood (Wyton); SAC P Hull (Lyneham), Cpl S Worrall (Finningley); Sgt D Robson (Odiham), SAC K Davies (Uxbridge), SAC A Billett (Innsworth), Sgt A Lewis (Stafford), Cpl R Burn (Brize Norton), Cpl B Richardson (Pirbright Castle), Cpl D Milne (Marham), Cpl D Parsonage (Finningley).
ROYAL NAVY: Lt C Alcock (Penelope, capt); PO R Penfold (Raleigh), WEM D Oakley (Alacrity), Lt D Phillips (CTCRM Lympstone), Mid M Speakman (BRNC Dartmouth); Mne J Whittington (40 Cdo RM), Mne P Livingstone (RMR London); C Sgt J Martin (FO Plymouth), CPO D Chislett (Sultan), PO W Lee (Garnet), Sgt J Reece (RMR London), POAEM B Woodcock (Heron), PO P Elliott (Seahawk), Cpl M Hewitt (CTCRM Lympstone), Capt S Hughes (CTCRM Lympstone).
Referee: A Spreadbury (Somerset).

Bradford face threat at schools festival

The tenth international schools 15-a-side festival at the Preston Grasshoppers' Club got under way yesterday in desperately heavy conditions at Lightfoot Lane (Michael Stevenson writes).

With the shortened form of knock-out rugby, power, efficiency and good goal-kicking are crucial, especially in the mud and, even on the festival's first day, one's search was for a side that might extend Bradford Grammar School, who are unbeaten for the past 52 games.

Bradford looked very sharp and well organized, accounting for St Joseph's Academy, who were hardly allowed a sniff of possession, while Bradford's fine handling and brilliant support play applied pressure all the time.

Another Yorkshire school who have enjoyed a marvellous season are Silcoates. But they lost their first game to St David's, Cardiff and went out on try count, as three of the four schools in their group had similar results.

Regent's House, from Ulster, were also impressive. Their two Irish trialists, the fly half, Stephen Cathcart, and the No. 8, Noel McGuigan, were players of considerable talent. They appeared to have a strong pack,

GUIDE TO THE WEEKEND FIXTURES

3.0 unless stated

Barclays League First division

Charlton v Oxford
Chelsea v Southampton
Derby v Arsenal
Liverpool v Wimbledon
Manchester Utd v West Ham
Newcastle v Coventry
Norwich v Sheffield Wed
Portsmouth v QPR
Tottenham v Nottingham F
Watford v Everton

GM Vauxhall Conference

Barnet v Kidderminster
Bath v Wycombe
Dagenham v Telford
Fisher v Enfield
Kettering v Wealdstone
Lincoln v Altrincham
Macclesfield v Boston
Maidstone v Runcorn
Northwich v Welling
Stafford v Sutton Utd
Weymouth v Cheltenham

Northern Premier League Premier division

Barrow v Horwich
Buxton v Morecambe
Caernarfon v Marine
Chorley v Rhyl
Matlock v Workington
Mossley v Southport
Oswestry v Frickley
S Liverpool v Gainsborough
Witton v Hyde
Worksop v Bangor

ABACUS WELSH LEAGUE: National division: AFC Cardiff v Port Talbot; Aberystwyth v Llanelli; Barry v Pembroke; Brecon v Blaenrhondda; Briton Ferry v Bridgend; Haverfordwest v Maesteg; Milford v Pontllanfraith; Ton Pentre v Ebbw Vale.

NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE: Premier division: Bridlington Trinity v Belper; Grimethorpe MW v Brigg; Hallam v Harrogate Railway; Hatfield Main v Bridlington Town; Long Eaton v Thackley; North Ferriby v Armthorpe Welfare.

Second division

A Villa v Stoke
Barnsley v Manchester C
Bournemouth v Leeds
Huddersfield v WBA
Leicester v Hull
Middlesbrough v Birmingham
Oldham v Shrewsbury
Plymouth v Blackburn
Sheffield Utd v Ipswich

GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier division: Barnstaple v Clandown; Bideford v Swanage and Herston; Bristol Manor Farm v Taunton; Clevedon v Paulton; Frome v Plymouth Argyle; Mangotsfield v Liskeard; Melksham v Dawlish; Saltash v Chippenham; Torrington v Weston-super-Mare.
DRYBROUGHS NORTHERN LEAGUE: First division: Bishop Auckland v North Shields (3.15); Crook v Ryhope CA; Ferryhill v Essington; Guisborough v Whitley Bay; Newcastle Blue Star v Consett; Tow Law v Billingham Synthonia; South Bank v Blyth (3.15); Spennymoor v Brandon (3.15); Whitby v Shildon.
BASS NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Atherton LR v Leyland Motors; Bootle v Prescot Cables; Burscough v Ellesmere Port and Neston; Chirherow v Warrington; Darwen v Skelmersdale; Kirkby v Salford; St Helens v Rossendale. Reab Karcher Cup: Semi-final, first leg: Daisy Hill v Colwyn Bay.
SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE (11.0): First division: Cambridge v Arsenal; Chelsea v Fulham; Leyton Orient v Charlton; Portsmouth v Ipswich; Watford v Tottenham; West Ham v Norwich. Second division: Bristol Rovers v Bristol City; Colchester v Brighton; Oxford v Wimbledon; Reading v Crystal Palace; Southampton v Northampton.
ARTHURIAN LEAGUE: Premier division: Old Cholmeleians v Old Chigwellians; Old Etonians v Old Malvernians; Old Foresters v Old Salopians; Old Reptonians v Old Carthusians. First division: Old Bradfieldians v Old Ardleians; Lancing Old Boys v Old Citizens; Old Wellingtonians v Old Wykehamists.
SMIRNOFF IRISH LEAGUE: Ards v Larne; Carrick v Ballymena; Coleraine v Bangor; Crusaders v Glentoran; Lurgan v Cliftonville; Newry v Glenavon; Portadown v Distillery.

Third division

Aldershot v Fulham (3.15)
Brentford v Brighton
Bristol C v Rotherham
Grimsby v Northampton
Mansfield v Chester
Notts Co v Gillingham
P Vale v Walsall
Preston v Bury
York v Sunderland

WEST RIDING SENIOR CUP: Semi-final: Farsley v Guiseley.
SUNDAY MIRROR COMBINATION: Brighton v Arsenal (2.0); Ipswich v Tottenham; Reading v Oxford (2.0); Southampton v Charlton.
VAUXHALL-OPEL LEAGUE: Premier division: Baslingstoke v Barking; Carshalton v Farnborough; Croydon v Bromley; Dulwich v Windsor and Eton; Harrow v Leytonstone-Ilford; Hitchin v Bognor; Kingstonian v Hendon; Leyton-Wingate v Hayes; Slough v St Albans; Tooting and Mitcham v Wokingham; Yeovil v Bishop's Stortford. First division: Boreham Wood v Wolverton; Bracknell v Walton and Hersham; Grays v Leatherhead; Kingsbury v Basildon; Southwick v Wembley; Stevenage v Chesham; Uxbridge v Billericay; Walthamstow v Oxford City; Woking v Hampton; Worthing v Harlow. Second division south: Camberley v Chalfont St Peter; Chertsey v Banstead; Egham v Ruislip Manor; Epsom and Ewell v Southall; Feltham v Petersfield; Flackwell Heath v Molesey; Horsham v Maidenhead United; Hungerford v Dorking; Newbury v Eastbourne United; Whyteleafe v Metropolitan Police; Yeading v Hansfield. Second division north: Barton v Berkhamsted; Clapton v Rainham; Collier Row v Letchworth GC; Finchley v Royston; Haringey v Wivenhoe; Heybridge v Hemel Hempstead; Hornchurch v Hertford; Saffron Walden v Tring; Tilbury v Harlow; Ware v Vauxhall Motors; Witham v Aveley.
NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: First division: Accrington Stanley v Eastwood Hanley; Alfreton v Radcliffe; Congleton v Stalybridge; Curzon Ashton v Lancaster; Droylesden v Netherfield; Horwich v Eastwood Town; Leek v Fleetwood; Penrith v Harrogate; Winsford v Sutton Town.
BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Premier division: Aylesbury v Fareham; Brorosgrove v Cheimsford; Crawley v Burton; Dartford v Willenhall; Gosport v Corby; Leicester United v Dorchester; Nuneaton v VS Rugby; Redditch v Bedworth; Shepshed v Alvechurch; Witney v Cambridge City; Worcester v Ashford. Midland division: Atherstone v King's Lynn; Banbury v Gloucester; Bilston v Hednesford; Bridgnorth v Sutton Coldfield; Forest Green v Wellingborough; Grantham v Merthyr Tydfil; Halesowen v Dudley; Mile Oak v Buckingham; Paget Rangers v Moor Green; Rushden v Coventry Sporting; Stourbridge v Trowbridge. Southern division: Barnham v Hastings; Bury v Waterlooville; Chatham v Hounslow; Dunstable v Dover; Folkestone v Poole; Gravesend and Northfleet v Andover; Ruislip v Erith and Belvedere; Salisbury v Baldock; Thanet v Canterbury; Tonbridge v Corinthian.
FA VASE: Semi-finals, second leg (first leg score in brackets): Colne Dynamoes (1) v Sudbury (1); Emley (1) v Bashley (1).

RUGBY LEAGUE

SILK CUT CUP
Semi-final
Halifax v Hull (at Headingley, 3.10)

Fourth division

Bolton v Rochdale
Burnley v Torquay
Cardiff v Scunthorpe
Crewe v Exeter
Hartlepool v Scarborough
Hereford v Stockport
Leyton Orient v Swansea
Peterborough v Halifax
Wolverhampton v Darlington
Wrexham v Newport

BOWLS

TOURNAMENTS: McCarthy and Stone club championships (at Rugby); British under-25 singles championship (at Swansea).
INDOOR COUNTY MATCHES: Cambridgeshire v Suffolk (at City of Ely); Civil Service v Devon (at Civil Service); Isle of Wight v Sussex (at Isle of Wight).

LACROSSE

BRUNE NORTHERN LEAGUE: First division: Boardman and Eccles v Old Waconians; Mellor v Sheffield University; Urmston v Heaton Mersey. Junior Flags: Final: Cheadle A v Timperley (at Old Hulmeians).

BASKETBALL

NATWEST TROPHY: Semi-finals, second leg: Polycell Kingston v Ponsmouth (8.0).

HOCKEY

PIZZA EXPRESS LONDON LEAGUE: Premier division: Guildford v Bromley. League: Hounslow v Surbiton; Mid-Surrey v Hampstead; Old Kingstonians v Slough; Reading v Wimbledon; Richmond v Beckenham; St Albans v Purley; Southgate v Maidenhead; Spencer v Dulwich; Teddington v Blackheath; Tulse Hill v Weybridge Hawks.
NORWICH UNION EAST LEAGUE: Premier division: Norfolk Wanderers v Bury St Edmunds.
McEWAN'S LAGER SOUTH LEAGUE: Kent/Sussex: Herne Bay v Worthing.
MIDLANDS: County matches: Derbyshire v Shropshire (at Highfields, 6.0); Northamptonshire v Staffordshire (at Rugby, 2.30); Nottinghamshire v Leicestershire (at Highfields, 3.0); Worcestershire v Warwickshire (at Fox Hollies, 2.0).

OTHER SPORT

ATHLETICS: Southern Counties 12-stage road relay (at Wimbledon Village); Welsh six-stage road relay (at Swansea); British schools' cross-country championships (at Irvine); British veterans' indoor championships (at RAF Cosford).
BOXING: WBA flyweight championship: Dave McCauley v Fidel Basso (at Belfast).
FENCING: de Beaumont Cup, Women's foil international (at de Beaumont Club, West Kensington).
MOTOR SPORT: British formula three championship race (at Silverstone).
RACKETS: Public Schools' doubles championship (at Queen's Club, West Kensington).
ROWING: Head of the River race (Mortlake to Putney).
SKIING: British speed skiing championships (at Glenshee).
SNOOKER: Embassy world championship: Preliminary rounds (at Preston).
SPEEDWAY: British League: Coventry v Wolverhampton; Cradley v Ipswich; King's Lynn v Belle Vue; Essex Radio championship (at Arena Essex, 7.0); Challenge: Stoke v Middlesbrough; Tour match: Swindon v Gothenburg.

Fine Fare Scottish League Premier division

Aberdeen v Falkirk
Celtic v Dundee Utd
Dundee v Rangers
Hearts v Morton
Motherwell v Dunfermline
St Mirren v Hibernian

First division

Clydebank v Dumbarton
Hamilton v Airdrie
Meadowbank v Forfar
Partick v Clyde
Queen of Sth v Kilmarnock
Raith v E Fife

Second division

Arbroath v Brechin
Berwick v Stranraer
Cowdenbeath v Albion
E Stirling v Stenhsemuir
Montrose v Alloa
Queen's Park v St Johnstone
Stirling v Ayr

ICE HOCKEY

HEINEKEN LEAGUE: Premier division: Nottingham Panthers v Durham Wasps (6.30); Solihull Barons v Fife Flyers (7.0); Whitley Warriors v Peterborough Pirates (6.30).

VOLLEYBALL

ROYAL BANK ENGLISH NATIONAL LEAGUE: First division men: Atles Weesex v Polonia (6.30); Dragonara Leeds v Radio Trent Rockets (6.30); Malory v Speedwell Rucanor (6.30); Staffordshire Moorlands v Time Out Crook Log (7.30); W H White Poole v Capital City (5.45). First division women: Birmingham Al v Arsenal Britannia (1.30); Bradford Mythbreakers v Dragonara Leeds (6.30); Sale v Istari (6.30).

RUGBY UNION

JOHN PLAYER SPECIAL CUP
Semi-finals
Moseley v Bristol
Wasps v Harlequins

SCHWEPPES WELSH CUP
Semi-finals
Aberavon v Llanelli (at Swansea)
Pontypool v Neath (at Cardiff)

WINDSOR LIFE TROPHY
Royal Navy v RAF (at Twickenham)

COURAGE CLUBS CHAMPIONSHIP
First division
Bath v Orrell
Leicester v Sale

Second division
Lpool St Helens v Headingley
Richmond v Bedford

Third division
Exeter v Birmingham
Fylde v Wakefield
Nuneaton v Plymouth Albion
Sheffield v Vale of Lune
W Hartlepool v Maidstone

North area
Broughton Pk v Stourbridge
Derby v Solihull
Durham v Rugby
Lichfield v Roundhay
Northern v Preston Grhprs

South area
Camborne v Sudbury
Cheltenham v Stroud
Havant v Streatham-C
Lydney v Southend
Salisbury v Sidcup

LONDON: First division: Ealing v Esher; Old Gaytonians v Lewes; Ruislip v Guildford and Godalming; Sutton and Epsom v Dartfordians; Upper Clapton v US Portsmouth. Second division north: Cheshunt v Old Mercham Taylors; Hertford v Old Alleynians; Norwich v West London Institute; Thurrock v St Mary's Hospital; Woodford v Grasshoppers. Second division south: Old Alleynians v KCS Old Boys; Old Brocklesians v Portsmouth; Old Juddians v Basingstoke; Old Mid-Whrgitians v Worthing; Old Reigatians v Camberley. Third division north east: Brentwood v Colchester; Chingford v Ipswich YMCA; Eton Manor v West Norfolk; Old Westcliffians v Bury St Edmunds; Saffron Walden v Old Cantabrigians. Third division north west: Bacavians v Old Paulines; Bishop's Stortford v Twickenham; Fullerians v Old Kingsburians; Mill Hill v Harrow; Tabard v Heriden. Third division south east: Beckenham v East Grinstead; Gillingham Anchorians v Horsham; Old Colfeians v Crawley; Old Dunstonians v Old Beccehamians; Westcombe Park v Tunbridge Wells. Third division south west: Old Emanuel v Trojans; Old Walcountians v Jersey; Old Whitgiftians v Eastleigh; Purley v Winchester; Wariingham v Alton.
MIDLANDS: First division: Barker's Butts v Stoke; Hinckley v Westleigh; Peterborough v Mansfield; Stockwood Park v Stafford; Wolverhampton v Pavors. Second division east: Kettering v Loughborough; Leighton Buzzard v Syston; Lincoln v Vipers; Newark v Matlock; Stoneygate v Wigston. Second division west: Dudley v Bromsgrove; Evesham v Dixonians; Sutton Coldfield v Leamington; Tamworth v Burton; Worcester v Hereford. East Midlands/Leicestershire: Aylestone St James v South Leicester; Bedford Athletic v Stewart and Lloyds; Northampton Trinity v Luton; Oadby Wyggestonians v Towcestrians; Old Northamptonians v Melton Mowbray.
North Midlands: First division: Erdington v Edwardians; Kidderminster v Whitchurch; Kings Norton v Luctonians; Newport v Bridgnorth; Old Halesonians v Camp Hill. Nottinghamshire, Lincolnshire and Derbyshire: First division: Boston v Chesterfield; Scunthorpe v Mellish; Southwell v Kesteven; West Bridgford v Grimsby; Worksop v Glossop. Staffordshire/Warwickshire: Bedworth v Newcastle; Kenilworth v Old Leamingtonians; Leek v Stoke Old Boys; Nuneaton OE v Old Longetonians; Stratford v Handsworth.
NORTH: First division: Hartlepool Rovers v Harrogate; Kendal v Otley; Middlesbrough v Winnington Park; Tynedale v West Park; Wigton v Widnes. Second division: Bradford and Bingley v Manchester; Davenport v Huddersfield; Halifax v Aspatria; Lymm v Wilmslow; Sandal v New Brighton. North east: First division: Gateshead Fell v Thornaesians; Morpeth v Ripon; Old Brodleians v Old Crossleyans; Westoe v Keighley; Wharfedale v Rotherham. North west: First division: Blackburn v Caldy; Chester v Netherhall; Southport v Rochdale; Wigan v Carlisle; Wirral v Mid Cheshire College.
SOUTH AND SOUTH WEST: First division: Bridgwater and Albion v Weston-super-Mare; Clifton v Torquay Athletic; High Wycombe v Taunton; Maidenhead v St Ives; Oxford v Redruth. Second division: Barnstaple v Reading; Berry Hill v Newbury; Brixham v Launceston; Cinderford v Henley; Devon and Cornwall Police v Devonport Services. Southern counties: Banbury v Windsor; Bletchley v Wimborne; Bracknell v Swindon; Marlow v Redingensians; Oxford Marathon v Oxford Old Boys. Western counties: Cirencester v Truro; Clevedon v Tiverton; Gordon League v Sidmouth; Matson v Old Redcliffians; Newquay Hornets v Okehampton.

CLUB MATCHES

Cross Keys v Newport
Ebbw Vale v Bridgend
Edinburgh Acads v N of Ireland
Glamorgan W v S Glamorgan Inst
Gloucester v Saracens
Gosforth v Berwick
Hahfax v Aspatria
Hawick v Gala
Heriot's FP v Royal High
Jed-Forest v Selkirk
Jordanhill v Kilmarnock
London Irish v Pontypridd
London Welsh v Swansea
Maesteg v Coventry
Melrose v Glasgow High
Morley v Birkenhead Pk
Newbridge v Tredegar
Northampton v Waterloo
Rosslyn Pk v London Scottish
S Wales Police v Met Police
Stewart's Mel FP v Kelso
W of Scotland v Instonians

TOURNAMENTS: Diners Club world schools seven-a-sides: Preliminary rounds (at Harrow School); Preston Grasshoppers international schools' 16-a-side festival.
IRELAND: Ulster Senior Cup: Quarter-final: Ballymena v Queen's University; Bangor v Portadown; Malone v Dungannon; CIYMS v MIFC. Club matches: West of Scotland v Instonians; Enniskillen v City of Derry; Collegians v Ards. Leinster Senior Cup: First round: Bective Rangers v Blackrock College; Greystones v DLSP; Monkstown v Old Wesley; St Mary's College v Clontarf; Skerries v Old Wesley; University College Dublin v Terenure College.

TOMORROW

Simod Cup Final

Reading v Luton (at Wembley)

Barclays League Second division

Swindon v C Palace

GM Acceptance Cup Semi-final

Horwich v Enfield

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Premier division: Oswestry v Gainsborough; Worksop v Barrow.

RUGBY UNION

TOUR MATCH: Plymouth Albion v Toshiba (Japan) (2.45).
TOURNAMENTS: Diners Club world schools seven-a-sides: Finals (at Rosslyn Park); Preston Grasshoppers international schools' 15-a-side festival.

BOWLS

TOURNAMENTS: McCormy and Stone club championship (at Rugby); British under-25 singles championship (at Swansea).
INDOOR COUNTY MATCHES: Devon v Dorset (at Tiverton); Hertfordshire v Kent (at Stevenage); Warwickshire v Buckinghamshire (at Avon Valley); Yorkshire v Midlands (at York).

RUGBY LEAGUE

STONES BITTER CHAMPIONSHIP: Castleford v Hunslet (3.30); Leeds v Swinton; Leigh v Bradford (3.30); Salford v Warrington; Wigan v Widnes. Second division: Bramley v Wakefield (3.30); Carlisle v Featherstone; Dewsbury v Springfield (3.30); Doncaster v Rochdale; Fulham v Mansfield; Huddersfield v Barrow (3.30); Runcorn v Whitehaven; Sheffield v Oldham; Workington v Keighley (3.30); York v Batley.

BADMINTON

INTER-COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP: Semi-final: Yorkshire v Surrey (at Leeds, 1.0.)

ICE HOCKEY

HEINEKEN LEAGUE: Premier division: Ayr Bruins v Whitley Warriors (7.0); Durham Wasps v Peterborough Pirates (6.30); Solihull Barons v Dundee Rockets (7.0).

HANDBALL

BRITISH CUP (men): Semi-finals (6.0): Manchester United SSS v Liverpool (at Eccles Recreation Centre); Wakefield v Ruislip Eagles (at Kirkby Sports Centre).
BRITISH CUP (women): Semi-finals (4.30): Anston v Halewood Town (at Kirkby); Ruislip Eagles v Manchester United SSS (at Eccles).

BASKETBALL

NATWEST TROPHY: Semi-finals, second leg: MIM Livingston v Calderdale Explorers (4.0).

VOLLEYBALL

ROYAL BANK ENGLISH NATIONAL LEAGUE: First division women: Birmingham Al v Istari (1.30); Dragonara Leeds v Arsenal Britannia (2.0); Spark v Portsmouth Heatseal (12.30).

OTHER SPORT

ATHLETICS: Finchley 20 mile road race; Hillingdon 10 mile road race; Pearl Assurance Fleet half-marathon; Chris Vose 10km road race (at Warmington).
CYCLING: Ambleside pro-am.
KARATE: Scotland v Spain (at Monklands Leisure Centre, Coatbridge).
NETBALL: Evian inter-counties tournament (at Anerley).
RACKETS: Public Schools' doubles championship (at Queen's Club, West Kensington).
SKIING: British speed skiing championships (at Glenshee).
SNOOKER: Embassy world championship: Preliminary rounds (at Preston).
SPEEDWAY: Challenge: Eastbourne v Cradley (3.30); Mildenhall v Arena Essex (3.30); Rye House v Milton Keynes (4.0).
SQUASH RACKETS: Northern Championships: Humberside v Yorkshire (at H

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FOOTBALL: THE ARSENAL CAPTAIN'S CONTINUED OMISSION SUGGESTS IT IS ALSO TIME FOR THE ENGLAND MANAGER TO FIND A REPLACEMENT

Uncertainty grows over Sansom's future at Highbury

By Clive White

Kenny Sansom, "rested" from the Arsenal side last week, was given an extended convalescence yesterday when he was again left out of the team to face Derby County at the Baseball Ground today.

With Arsenal's appointment in the Littlewoods Cup final less than a month away, Sansom and Richardson, who has also been omitted for the second consecutive week, are more likely to be getting a crick in their neck from looking nervously over their shoulder than benefiting from a well-earned rest.

In the case of Sansom, at least, his absence will only increase speculation that his days at Highbury are numbered. After his suspect performance for England in midweek, Bobby Robson, the national manager, may soon be forced to concede that a player who is considered not good enough for his club can hardly be good enough for his country, particularly one as powerful as England.

Despite last week's disappointing home draw with Newcastle United, Dixon holds on to the right back position while Winterburn holds on to Sansom's No. 3 shirt.

As one illustrious Arsenal career nears its end after some 300 League games, another unveils itself: that of Marwood, the £600,000 signing from Sheffield Wednesday. But a sense of nostalgia is retained by the presence of Stapleton, the former Highbury favourite, who, now in the colours of Derby County, will be making his 450th appearance in the Football League.

While Derby's fortunes have taken a turn for the better with a run of six games without defeat, several of their fellow stragglers will be hoping, nay expecting, that a change of face will bring a change of luck.

Thursday's mad panic to beat the transfer deadline and buy your way out of trouble must have left West Ham feeling rather silly. Having rushed off a cheque for £300,000 to Birmingham City for Dicks, they have to do without him at Old Trafford today because the defender is still serving a suspension.

At least West Ham will not have to wait as long as the English public has done to see Trevor Francis, who is expected to return to League action after an absence of six years for Queen's Park Rangers at Fratton Park, following his free transfer from Scotland's Rangers. It should be just like old times with Mariner leading the Portsmouth attack.

But the men who are most in the firing line today are the first division's two new managers, Mark Lawrenson, of Oxford United, and Bobby Campbell, of Chelsea. Both men will need to give their all if they are to break their new clubs' addiction to failure, knowing that for managers there is, as yet, no such recourse as "rested".

Tottenham reunion at Blackburn



So nice to see you again: Don Mackay, the manager of Blackburn Rovers, brings together his club's two former Tottenham Hotspur colleagues, with whom he hopes to make certain of promotion. Ossie Ardiles (left) who has joined the Lancashire club on loan until the end of the season, admitted that the key to the surprise move was the long standing friendship with Steve Archibald (right).

Their friendship had blossomed at Spurs in the early 1980s. Still looking bewildered after Thursday's frantic scramble to beat the signing-on deadline, Ardiles said: "Steve is one of my closest friends and on the phone he convinced me that Blackburn had a lot to offer.

"I found I do not figure in Spurs plans for next season and that helped make up my mind."

Ardiles, who goes into immediate action at Plymouth Argyle, watched a video of last Saturday's 3-3 thriller against Leicester on the team coach journey.

Lawrenson named as Oxford manager

By Clive White

Mark Lawrenson gave up one battle and took on another yesterday when he announced his retirement after a long injury and then his appointment as manager of Oxford United, who are struggling for their first division lives.

The news of his submission to an Achilles tendon injury will come as a disappointent and a surprize to Jack Charlton, the Republic of Ireland manager, who was told only 24 hours earlier by Lawrenson that he hoped to be fit in time to join the Republic for their challenge upon the finals of the European championship in West Germany in June.

Charlton was led to believe that Lawrenson's return had merely been delayed because skin tissue around the injury was taking longer than expected to heal.

But by accepting the Oxford post in solely a managerial capacity, Lawrenson, aged 30, has forfeited the chance of realizing one of the few ambitions that have eluded him in a hugely successful seven-year career at Anfield. The Republic will be the poorer for the absence of this world class player who was capped 38 times.

Kevin Maxwell, the Oxford chairman, said yesterday that only some minor insurance details needed to ironed out. Lawrenson, who succeeds Maurice Evans, takes charge for today's vital game at Selhurst Park against Charlton Athletic, positioned only two places above Oxford in the table.

"In Mark Lawrenson we have someone who will inspire the team and with 10 matches remaining I have every confidence that we will survive. Look at his record. He's been a winner at international and club level, and he's determined to work with players and keep Oxford up," Maxwell said.

It was only just before last Christmas that Alex Ferguson, the Manchester United manager, was prepared to pay Liverpool £800,000 – only £100,000 less than Liverpool had paid Brighton seven years before. Rangers and Tottenham Hotspur were also interested, but to Lawrenson's disappointment Kenny Dalglish, the Liverpool manager, blocked the move.

Lawrenson snapped the tendon playing against Wimbledon last April and though he has returned twice for short spells since then, he has not played since January 16. He has played in over 350 games for Liverpool

Crowning glory for Royals

By Andrew Longmore

Ever since 1893, when the mighty Preston North End beat them 18-0 in the first round of the FA Cup, cup football has not been very kind to Reading. One FA Cup semi-final in 1927 is the closest the Royals have come to Wembley, so it is historically right that the club should be rewarded for it's patience in the Simod Cup final tomorrow.

In contrast, opponents Luton are making Wembley their second home this season. They have already booked two visits – in the Simod and Littlewoods Cup, which is one more than Reading have managed in their 117-year history – and an FA cup final is only one match away.

But Reading have put out four first division sides already on their torturous path to the twin towers this season and are not frightened of adding another to the list. In fact they are delighted because they have ideas rather above their present station near the foot of the second division.

"We've not got the footballing tradition of some towns and, in terms of our gates, we are still a small club," said his manager, Ian Branfoot, who as a Geordie should know about footballing traditions. "But in terms of crowd potential we are not a small club at all. We have a large catchment area and the town is booming."

Branfoot, a former youth team coach at Southampton, became manager nearly five years ago and took the club from fourth to second division in the last four seasons. When they were promoted from the third division in the 1985-86 season they began with a record 13 consecutive wins.

Perhaps inevitably, they have not lived up to that reputation in the harsher regions of the second division, despite spending nearly £700,000 on new players, including a club record £225,000 on Steve Moran from Leicester City.

But Branfoot is unabashed by the big spending image. The club is run along business lines by good businessmen, not by the local butcher, and we will be successful in the end," he said.

Emley's big chance

By Paul Newman

Emley today have the chance to make up for their bitter dismay of a year ago, when a 2-0 home defeat by St Helens Town in the second leg of their FA Vase semi-final cost the Northern Counties East League club a place in the Wembley final.

Emley appeared to have done the hardest part of their task last year when they won 1-0 at St Helens in the first leg. Similarly, this year they have the advantage of having drawn the first leg 1-1 away to Bashley, the Wessex League champions, last week.

Gerry Quinn, Emley's player-manager, said: "We learned a lot from the experience a year ago. I think we're better equipped now, because we've changed our style. We play more controlled football, whereas we used to be a bit of an up-and-under team."

Nine of the side from last year are still at the Yorkshire club, which is a tribute to its family spirit. With the exception of two players, the team is run on an entirely amateur basis.

Although Emley is a mining village with a population of only 2,000, the club regularly attracts gates of 300 or more. Apart from floodlights, their facilities are very basic, although there are plans to build a 250-seat stand.

Colne Dynamoes (Bass North West Counties League) are favourites to win the other semi-final after their 1-1 draw away to Sudbury Town (Building Scene Eastern League) last week.

WEEKEND TEAM NEWS

Charlton v Oxford United
Hucker, on loan to WBA for three months, has been recalled to the Oxford goal because Judge and Hardwick are injured. Charlton are unchanged after two consecutive wins.

Liverpool v Wimbledon
Wimbledon make three changes, two of them enforced, and Gayle starts a suspension. Scales, who substituted for the injured Goodyear last week, continues at right back; Ryan takes over from Jones, who is suspended; and Cunningham returns from a foot injury in place of Cork. Liverpool hope to have Aldridge and Beardsley fit.

Derby v Arsenal
Sansom and Richardson are again omitted from the Arsenal squad which includes Marwood, the new signing, and Davis and Thomas, who were withdrawn from the England under-21 team in midweek. Stapleton, of Derby, makes his 450th League appearance against the club with whom he began his League career.

Chelsea v Southampton
Hitchcock, signed from Mansfield, makes his debut in Chelsea's goal. Clive Wilson may be recalled to midfield alongside Hazard. McLaughlin misses his fourth successive game with an ankle injury.

Man Utd v West Ham
McGrath starts his first game in five months for Manchester United since injuring a knee against West Ham at Upton Park. Robson returns after missing last week's game with flu.

Norwich v Sheffield Wed
Norwich hope Phelan will be fit after retiring last week with a stomach muscle injury. Biggins begins a two-match suspension.

Portsmouth v QPR
Francis, signed on a free transfer from Glasgow Rangers, is set to play for QPR. Falco returns after a back injury and Maguire after suspension. Mariner stands by to make his first full appearance since November for Portsmouth because Quinn is suspended.

Newcastle v Coventry
Mirandinha, who broke down in training with a recurrance of thigh trouble, is out of the Newcastle side, but Gascoigne has recovered from a back injury.

Tottenham v Nottm F
Parker, signed from Hull, is named as substitute by Forest, who bring in Fleming for Pearce, who is suspended.

Watford v Everton
Rimmer, Watford's new signing, will be unable to make his debut against one of his former clubs after turning an ankle in training. Watson is doubtful for Everton because of a shoulder injury. Mountfield stands by.

Simod Cup final
Luton v Reading
Luton should be unchanged. Nwajiobi, who broke an ankle three months ago, has had to give up any hope of being fit enough to make the squad. Peters, the experienced Reading defender who has recently recovered from a hernia operation, hopes to be named as a substitute.

HOCKEY

Britain lose lead and the match

From Sydney Friskin
Lahore

Great Britain 1
Spain 2

Great Britain, seeded No. 2 for the Olympic Games, made a disappointing start in the tenth Champions Trophy tournament here yesterday by losing to Spain after taking the lead. Now they face a daunting task against Australia today.

Less than a year ago in Amsterdam Britain beat Spain 5-1 when they had an incisive attack. This time they plainly did not have one and it has not been easy to explain here that Kerly was not available and that Sherwani is on the injured list.

It was obvious about midway through the second half that the British machine was not working well. Grimley was switched from outside left to centre forward but Mayer, who came on for Thompson, did not last long. After colliding with a vigorous member of the opposition, he went off and Duthie replaced him.

On the right wing Batchelor saw little of the ball in the first half and when he did find an opening early in the second he was caught offside. Later, Batchelor's centre from outside the circle found its way into goal off a Spanish stick. The Pakistani umpire, Younis Siggiqi, awarded Britain a goal but after the Spaniards had protested he was convinced, with some help from his partner, that no British player had touched the ball inside the striking area and a long corner was the eventual outcome.

When the score was still 1-1, Batchelor's stick was held down inside the circle but the offence escaped the notice of the same umpire.

When Dodds converted a short corner in the eleventh minute Britain's approach looked resolute enough. But after Dodds had sent another shot astray, De Frutos scored from a short corner for Spain in the 22nd minute and Jaime Escude took Taylor by surprise with a subtle angular shot in the 25th minute of the second half to win the match for Spain.

SPAIN: M Rovira; A De Frutos, A Figar, J Cabot (capt), J Maurino, J Iglesias, X Escude, I Escude, J C Pelon, J Oliva.

GREAT BRITAIN: I Taylor; S Martin, D Faulkner, J Potter, R Dodds (capt), W McConnell, S Batchelor, R Leman, R Thompson (sub: C Mayer; sub J Duthie), R Cliff, M Grimley.
Umpires: N Stepanov (USSR) and Y Siddiqi (Pakistan).

● Australia, the World Cup holders, were beaten 1-0 by West Germany, the defending champions, after a tight tactical struggle. Keller scoring the only goal in the 27th minute from a short corner.

SQUASH RACKETS

Williams has last laugh this time

By Colin McQuillan

When Wales defeated Germany to reach a semi-final against England's men in the ICI European team championships, Adrian Davies, the Welsh first string, leapt fully clothed into the swimming pool of the Dekker Centre, at Warmond, in the Netherlands, promising a history-making performance the next day.

If it is historic to represent one's country in a major Continental event wearing baggy knee-length polka dot shorts below the national shirt, then Davies achieved his aim. In competetive terms, however, neither the impish Manchester-based player, aged 22, nor his Welsh colleagues could deflect the Englishmen from their sixteenth successive European final.

Davies lost in straight games to Geoff Williams, with whom he used to lodge in Manchester and who he brilliantly dismissed from the British national championships last December.

RESULTS: Semi-finals: Men: England bt Wales 5-0 (English names first): G Williams bt A Davies, 9-3, 9-5, 9-0; S Beeson bt C Jones, 4-9, 9-7, 9-3, 9-5; N Harvey bt A Evans, 9-1, 9-4, 9-4; M Bodimeade bt T Salisbury, 9-5, 9-1, 9-1; J Nicolle bt G Davies, 7-9, 9-1, 9-4, 9-2. Women: England bt Wales 3-0 (English names first): L Opie bt S Johnson, 9-1, 9-1, 9-3; M Le Moignan bt S Stephens, 9-1, 9-0, 9-0; A Cumings bt T Thomas, 9-6, 9-6, 4-9, 9-3. Ireland bt West Germany 2-1 (Irish names first): R Best bt A Holbe, 9-3, 9-5, 9-1; M Burke bt B Muller, 0-9, 9-6, 3-9, 9-2, 9-7; Y Jackson lost to D Grzania 5-9, 5-9, 4-9.

SNOOKER

Higgins profits in-off

Alex Higgins took advantage of a terrible slip-up of quarter-final opponent Cliff Thorburn to move a frame from the semi-finals of the Benson and Hedges Irish Masters at Goffs, Co Kildare, last night (Steve Acteson writes).

The Ulsterman, Higgins, had squandered a chance of a 3-0 lead when he missed a simple pink in the third frame.

But Thorburn, 50-37 ahead in frame seven, first went in-off the pink and then allowed Higgins to take the last two colours to steal the frame 56-50 and move 4-3 ahead.

RESULTS: Quarter-finals: N Foulds (Eng) bt T Knowles (Eng), 5-3. Frame scores (Foulds first): 78-28, 51-42, 32-68, 68-13, 0-122, 4-75, 58-9, 94-36. A Higgins (N Ire) leads C Thorburn (Canada) 4-3. Frame scores (Thorburn first): 1-119, 44-71, 56-45, 75-46, 23-67, 84-29, 50-56.

GOLF: JOHNSON'S LUCK MAY BE TURNING IN HER FIGHT TO MAKE THE CUT

Chandler and Mason take foursomes title

Carl Mason and Andrew Chandler realized a schoolboy ambition when they won the Sunningdale foursomes yesterday. The two European tour professionals overcame the handicap of conceding eight strokes to beat Mary McKenna and Maureen Garner 5 and 3.

RESULTS: Semi-finals: C Mason (unatt) and A Chandler (Mere) bt G Cowlishaw (Farnham) and S Watkins (Ellesborough), 3 and 1; Miss M McKenna (Donabate) and Mrs M Garner (unatt) bt W Grant (Cuddington) and N Burke (Chipstead), 4 and 3. Final: Mason and Chandler bt McKenna and Garner, 5 and 3.

Alcott shoots for the moon

From Patricia Davies, Phoenix, Arizona

Amy Alcott was attempting to turn the Standard Register Turquoise Classic here into a 36-hole tournament yesterday. Eight under par after a record-breaking first round, Alcott tore into the Moon Valley course with relish at the start of the second round, picking up shots at the first, third and fourth. She was 12 under after 10 holes, six shots clear of the perspiring field.

Trish Johnson, of Britain, was fighting valiantly to make the cut after an opening 78. She started steadily with seven straight pars – something of an achievement for the former Curtis Cup player these days, who is having to endure a tendency to shoot herself in the foot.

At the eighth, a par five, she pulled her second shot into a bunker some 20 yards short of the green, played out well but not with any reasonable chance of a birdie and then ruled in the 30-foot downhill putt. Perhaps her luck is on the turn.

She saved a par at the next with a four-foot putt after missing the green and having to play a delicate pitch off the bank of a dried-up river bed to be out in 35, one under par.

Laura Davies, who likes the heat, dropped a shot at the 10th, her first hole, but birdies at the next two moved her to one over for the tournament.

FIRST-ROUND LEADING SCORES (US unless stated): 66: A Alcott. 67: C Walker. 69: M Zimmerman; D McHaffie. 70: C Johnson; S Bertolaccini (Arg); R Jones; R Walton; D Ammaccapane; C Chillemi; D Mochrie; L Howe; D Strebig; K Young; C Figg-Currier. British: 75: L Davies.

TABLE TENNIS

Andrew undermines the rankings

From Richard Eaton, Paris

Skylet Andrew, the flamboyant England No. 4, beat Vladimir Dvork, of the Soviet Union, a seeded player, to reach the third round of the European championships here yesterday and then hit out at the English selections and European rankings that had excluded him.

Andrew who was not considered for the team event, said: "I went out there dying to prove a point, both to the England captain and to those who do the European rankings."

He was joined in the third round by his compatriots, Andrew Cooke and Desmond Douglas. Carl Prean, despite half an hour of unprecedented hassle before his contest with the Scottish No. 1, David Hannah, also advanced.

Prean was told by a Czechoslovak umpire that the English brand of rubber which he has been using for five years no longer had official approval.

BRITISH AND IRISH RESULTS: Men's singles: Second round: A Cooke bt T Janci (Cz) 21-17, 18-21, 14-21, 21-17, 21-16; N Mason bt T Klampar (Hun), wo; D Douglas bt M Costanzeli (It), 23-21, 19-21, 21-7, 13-21, 21-13; S Andrew bt V Dvork (USSR), 21-7, 21-13, 13-21, 21-13, 21-17; C Prean bt D Hannah, 21-15, 21-14, 21-23, 21-19. Women's singles: Second round: G Zampuni (It) bt L Lomas, 21-16, 21-19, 11-21, 21-17; M Svensson (Swe) bt J Reid, 21-13, 21-4, 21-7; S Greiberg (Fin) bt S Hurry, 21-11, 23-21, 21-11; V Cijsternak (Yug) bt J Smith, 21-13, 21-15, 21-11.

BASKETBALL

Lack of funds forces Bullets to step down

By Julian Desborough

Financial problems have forced TNT Bullets (Birmingham) to leave the Carlsberg League and rejoin the National League.

The decision also comes as a result of the club's disenchantment with the Carlsberg League, formed last summer. "The new league has not benefited Birmingham at all," Bernhard Gallagher, a club director, admitted. "We cannot afford to compete the way the league is structured and managed.

"The league has not shown us anything we can look forward to. It is not good for any sport when you start a season knowing which clubs are going to walk off with the trophies."

SNOW REPORTS

	Depth (cm) L	U	Piste	Conditions Off Piste	Runs to resort	Weather (5pm) -	°C
AUSTRIA							
Kitzbühel	35	180	good	heavy	fair	snow	3
Good skiing in all areas							
St Anton	220	530	good	heavy	good	rain	4
Good skiing on lower runs							
FRANCE							
Les Arcs	160	230	fair	heavy	fair	rain	4
Heavy, wet snowfall							
Flaine	160	330	good	varied	good	snow	–1
New, wet snowfall affecting piste and off piste							
Isola	60	150	good	crust	poor	fine	10
Lifts closed by high wind							
Tignes	240	300	good	heavy	good	snow	0
Heavy snowfalls and high winds							
Val Thorens	215	275	good	heavy	good	snow	–3
Good skiing on piste							
SWITZERLAND							
Crans Montana	140	230	fair	heavy	fair	snow	2
New snow but heavy and wet							
Verbier	70	280	good	varied	fair	snow	0
Good skiing above 1,600m							
Zermatt	110	210	good	varied	good	cloud	6
High winds have closed upper lifts							

In the above reports, supplied by representatives of the Ski Club of Great Britain, L refers to lower slopes and U to upper, and art to artificial.

SCOTLAND

Cairngorm: upper runs, runs complete, wide snow cover; new snow on a firm base; middle runs, runs complete, wide snow cover; spring snow; lower slopes, runs complete, wet snow; vertical runs, 1600ft; hill roads, clear; main roads, clear; snow level, 2000ft. Glenshee: upper runs, runs complete, new snow on a firm base; middle runs, runs complete, new snow on a firm base; lower slopes, some runs complete, wet snow on a firm base; vertical runs, 2000ft; hill roads, clear; main roads, clear; snow level, 1500ft. Glencoe: upper runs, runs complete, wet snow drifting (at the time); lower slopes, runs complete, wet snow drifting (at the time); vertical runs, 1500ft; hill roads, clear; main roads, clear; snow level, 2000ft. Lecht: upper runs, runs complete, spring snow; middle runs, runs complete, spring snow; lower slopes, ample nursery areas, spring snow; vertical runs, 700ft; hill roads, clear; main roads, clear; snow level, 2000ft.

Forecast for today: cloudy with occasional snow showers, heavy at times with some drifting above 3000ft; extensive hill fog in the showers; strong or gale force north-westerly or northerly wind gradually easing; freezing level around 2,500ft. Outlook for tomorrow: snow showers becoming isolated; wind moderate or fresh north-westerly.

● Information supplied by the Scottish Meteorological Office.

CRICKET

Shoaib's stay at crease is flawless

From Richard Streeton
Georgetown, Guyana

Shoaib Mohammad continued to bat with unruffled composure as the Pakistanis built a large total against the West Indies Board XI on the second day of their four-day match. After six hours Shoaib passed 150 and still had not made a serious error.

The Board XI's fast bowlers gained the encouragement of three early wickets before Imran Khan and Saleem Yousuf in turn stayed with Shoaib in useful stands for the seventh and eighth wickets.

Gray and Bishop got the ball to lift more than on Thursday and the bounce always remained uneven.

Bishop found more pace than earlier and took two for 29 in his first eight overs. He bowled Hafiz Shahid, the night watchman, and had Ijaz Ahmed caught by Gray at first slip. In between these wickets Gray had Salim Malik held at first slip, the ball coming to the fieldsman via the wicketkeeper's gloves.

Imran stayed 65 minutes and both he and Shoaib looked confident against Harper and Butts, who continued to turn the ball. Imran was dismissed when he jumped out to loft Harper and gave wide mid-off a catch. Yousuf swept both off-spinners freely before he was undone by a ball from Collymore

PAKISTANIS: First innings

Mudassar Nazar c Seeram b Harper	47
Mohsin-ul-Alig b Butts	38
Shoaib Mohammad not out	192
Asmir Malik lbw b Bishop	51
Hafiz Shahid b Bishop	10
Salim Malik c Simmons b Gray	1
Ijaz Ahmed c Gray b Bishop	19
Imran Khan c Collymore b Harper	29
Saleem Yousuf lbw Collymore	30
Abdul Qadir not out	3
Extras	30
Total (for 8 wkts)	450

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-81, 2-103, 3-249, 4-273, 5-274, 6-311, 7-382, 8-345.
WEST INDIES BOARD XI: *R A Harper, S Dhaniram, C B Lambert, R Seeram, C G Butts, P V Simmons, †D Williams, I R Bishop, A H Gray, K L T Arthurton, D J Collymore.*
Umpires: R Heynes and Mohamed Baksh.

Hirwani tilts the scales

Sharjah, United Arab Emirates (Reuter) — Narendra Hirwani, the young Indian spin bowler, who captured 16 wickets on his Test match debut, played a telling role in the opening match of the Sharjah Cup tournament yesterday.

Hirwani, aged 19, tilted the balance against Sri Lanka by dismissing Mahanama and de Silva, whose third-wicket partnership of 137 had put their team on course for victory. Hirwani initiated a collapse in which the last eight wickets fell for 50, leaving India winners by 18 runs. Sri Lanka were all out for 201 in 49.2 overs in reply to India's 219 for eight off 50 overs.

SCORES: India 219 for 8 (50 overs), Sri Lanka 201 (49.2 overs) P A De Silva 68, R Mahanama 51). India won by 18 runs.

ROWING

Cambridge are struck by tonsillitis

By Jim Railton

Cambridge University suffered a serious setback yesterday when one of their top oarsmen, Nick Grundy, a Blue, went down with tonsillitis and now must be a doubtful starter for the 134th Boat Race next Saturday.

Yesterday morning, Cambridge, in their only outing of the day, reshuffled the crew by moving Nicholas Ames from bow to seven and promoting Duncan Hole from the reserve crew, Goldie, to bow.

Today the 56th Head of the River takes place at 10.30 a.m. and will be contested by 420 crews, including 39 overseas entries. The top ARA crew is strongly favoured to retain the title.

OUTING TODAY: Oxford only, against Isis (2.30).

EQUESTRIANISM

All dressed up and plenty of places to go

Ferdi Eilberg, the German-born trainer, made it a double at the dressage selection trials at Stoneleigh by following his success in the Intermediate II with a victory in the most difficult test, the grand prix (a Special Correspondent writes).

His horse, Giovanni, after some frittering gallops on Warwick racecourse, was full of energy but remained obedient and supple to flow through the test with ease.

They finished 14 marks ahead of another trainer David Hunt, who was riding Maple Zenith, the horse who has won some big international classes.

RESULTS: 1, Giovanni (F Eilberg), 525; 2, Maple Zenith (D Hunt), 511; 3, Pinocchio (J Berte-Wilson), 511.

FOR THE RECORD

BASKETBALL

EUROPEAN CHAMPION CLUBS' CUP: Quarter-finals: Maccabi Tel Aviv (Isr) 98, Partizan Belgrade (Yug) 94; Barcelona (Sp) 81, EB Ortinez (Fr) 75; Saturn Cologne (WG) 100, Nashua Den Bosch (Hem) 105; Tracer Milan (It) 97, Aris Salonika (Gr) 82.

NATWEST TROPHY: Semi-final, first leg: Calderdale Explorers 75 (Brandon 21, Findlay 14, Johnson 13), Mid Livingston 68 (Coller 17, Young 13, Fleming 12)

UNITED STATES: National Association (NBA): Washington Bullets 94, Atlanta Hawks 91; Houston Rockets 134, New York Knicks 117; Phoenix Suns 119, Milwaukee Bucks 114; Utah Jazz 117, Sacramento Kings 97.

UNITED STATES: National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA): Regional semi-finals: East: Duke 73, Rhode Island 72; Temple 69, Richmond 47. South-east: Villanova 80, Kentucky 74; Oklahoma 108, Louisville 98.

BOXING

LOS ANGELES: WBC super-lightweight championship: Roger Mayweather (US, holder) bt Mauricio Aceves (Mex), 3rd round.
SETTHAI, GREEN: Professional tournament: Light-middleweight (Grds): Steve West (Fulham) bt Frank Mobbs (Hull) rsc 2nd. Middle (Grds): Derek Grainger (Bethnal Green) bt Glen Mitchell (Plymouth), rsc 5th. Light-heavy (Grds): John Graham (St Pancras) bt Chris Gallaway (Penge) rsc 5th. Welter (Grds for Southern Area championship): Rocky Kelly (Acton, holder) bt Dave Dent (Camden), rsc 3rd.

BOWLS

COUNTY INDOOR MATCHES: Barking: Essex 119, Sussex 108. Wellingborough: Northamptonshire 120, Buckinghamshire 139.

CYCLING

LERIDA, Spain: Catalan cycling week: Fourth stage (Cambrils to Lerida, 107km, Spanish unless stated): 1, J Villamiel, 3hr 7min 22sec; 2, M Hermans (Neth); 3, W Peeters (Bel), both same time. Tissa trial (22km): 1, S Kelly (Ire), 25min 2sec; 2, P Haeghendooren (Bel), 25.26; 3, M Indurain, 25:44. Fifth and final stage (164kms): 1, I Gasson, 4hr 05min 03seconds; 2, P Delgado, 05:15; 3, S Kelly (Ire) same time. Overall: 1, Kelly, 22hr 41min 08sec; 2, A Fuerte, at 1:04; 3, Gasson, at 1:12.

FOOTBALL

VAUXHALL OPEL LEAGUE: Premier division: Famborough 0, Hayes 1; Wokingham Town 3, Leyton Wingate 2.
NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: League Cup: Semi-final: Second leg: Southport 1, Goole 3. Goole win 5-3 on agg
LONDON SENIOR CUP: Third round: Erith and Belvedere 1, Hampton 2.
GLAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Premier division: Witney 2, Bedworth 0.
CARDIFF: Under-15 international: Wales 1, Brazil 1.

RUGBY LEAGUE

SLALOM LAGER ALLIANCE: Oldham 38, Bradford Northern 6.

GOLF

RAMZAN, Japan: Kitsui women's classic (Japanese unless stated): 71: N Yoshikawa, 73: S Sakagashira; H Inoue; Chen Li-ying (Taiwan). 74: M Oda. 75: T Ohsako; N Juenson (Fr).
BANGKOK: Thailand Open championship: Second-round leaders: 137: Chen Liang Hsi (Taiwan), 69, 68. 138: D Terrib (US), 70, 68. 139: B Ruenglch (Thai), 70, 69. 140: P Menoza (Phil), 73, 67; Lu Chien Soon (Taiwan), 68, 72.

ICE HOCKEY

CHALLENGE MATCH: Bracknell Bees 3, Britain under-18 5.
NORTH AMERICA: National League (NHL): Boston Bruins 4 Winnipeg Jets 3 (OT); Hartford Whalers 3, Detroit Red Wings 2; New York Rangers 6, Edmonton Oilers 1; New Jersey Devils 8, St Louis Blues 2; Calgary Flames 7, Toronto Maple Leafs 1.

SWIMMING

ORLANDO, Florida: US indoor national championships: Men (US unless stated): 200m freestyle: 1, A Wojdat (Pol), 1min 49.09sec. 400m individual medley: 1, T Darnyi (Hun), 4:18.34. 800m freestyle relays: 1, Mission Bay (S Nielsen, Neil Cochran (GB), M Soderlund (Swe), A Holmertz (Swe)), 7:23.00 (US club record). Team positions: 1, Mission Bay, 36Spts; 2, Mission Viejo, 222; 3, Central Sports of Hungary, 181. Women: 200m freestyles: 1, L Walker, 1:59.92. 400m individual medley: 1, J Evans, 4:36.85. 800m freestyle relays: 1, Pleasant Hill, 9:09.19. Team positions: 1, Mission Bay, 334; 2, Pleasant Hill, 175; 3, Holmes Lumper Gators, 174.

RUGBY UNION

ROSHAMPTON: Schools sevens tournament: Sixth round: Millfield 18, Campion 4; Terenure 8, King Edward VI, Morpeth 6; Neath 10, Plymouth 6; Kings Macclesfield 8, Kings Worcester 8; Stockport 15, RGS Newcastle 0; Mount St Marys 16, Cheltenham 7; Bryanston 18, Rossall 6; Cowley 12, Llandovery 10. Quarter-finals: Millfield 22, Terenure 0; Neath College 4, Kings Macclesfield 8; Stonyhurst 4, Mount St Mary's 8 (pen); Bryanston 7, Cowley 6. Semi-finals: Millfield 12, Kings Macclesfield 6; Mount St. Mary's 16, Bryanston 8.

SNOOKER

PRESTON: Embassy World Championship qualifying tournament: First round: B Mikkelsen (Can) bt J Rea (N Ire), 10-3; A Harris (Eng) bt M Fisher (Eng), 10-4; J Bear (Can) bt D Martin (SA), 10-4; M Smith (Eng) bt V Harris (Eng) 10-8; J Meadowcroft (Eng) bt B Bennett (Eng), 10-5; R Foldvari (Aus) bt J Rempe (US), 110-4; J Fitzmaurice (Eng) led M Parlun (Eng), 6-3; J Chambers (Eng) led M Watterson (Eng), 6-3. Second round: S Duggan (Eng) led A Harris (Eng), 6-3; T Murphy (N Ire) led C Roscoe (Wal), 5-4; M Gauvreau (Can) level with P Gibson (Eng), 4-4.

YACHTING

CHARLOTTE AMALIE, US Virgin Islands: Mixed world championship sailing: Second race (43kms): 1, A Mora (R Garcia) in Shr 25min 18sec; 2, Kelica V (D Conner, US), 3min 20sec behind; 3, Cholne (H Lang, US), 5.10.

BASKETBALL

Taylor in

Bob Taylor will be the odd man out in Tony Greig's class of 1977 which joins Australia's bicentennial celebrations next month by playing in three one-day matches. Taylor is the only member of the side who did not play in the Centenary Test 11 years ago.

Forecast for today: cloudy with occasional snow showers, heavy at times with some drifting above 3000ft; extensive hill fog in the showers; strong or gale force

TEAM: A W Greig (captain), R A Woolmer, J M Brearley, D W Randall, D L Amiss, K W R Fletcher, C M Old, R W Taylor, D L Underwood, J K Lever, R G D Willis.

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Five nations will co-host next rugby World Cup

By David Hands, Rugby Correspondent

Twickenham will stage the final of Rugby Union's World Cup in 1991. The International Rugby Football Board (IRFB), which concluded its annual meeting in London yesterday, has also decided that the tournament will be hosted by the four home countries and France.

There was a divergence of opinion between New Zealand and Australia, who hosted the inaugural competition last year, over the organization of the next tournament. It was New Zealand's view, stated firmly last June, that one country should be responsible for the future organization. However, Australia saw no reason why the World Cup should not be a joint venture.

The next tournament will be in October 1991, beginning, if necessary, the previous month, and ending early in November. Matches will be played in the five nations, but the final is agreed for Twickenham on the understanding that, should the World Cup return to Britain in 1999, the final then would be in Cardiff.

Before that, however, there will be a review of the tournament following the 1995 event in the southern hemisphere. "The more people who have a hand in staging the World Cup the better," Marcel Martin, the French representative, said yesterday.

The Welsh Rugby Union will, though, host the play-off for third and fourth place and, since neither semi-final is likely to be in France, it seems reasonable to assume that Scotland and Ireland may stage them. But detail has yet to be established and a series of meetings, beginning at the end of April, will determine how the tournament will differ from last year's, particularly regarding qualifying tournaments.

Part of that brief will fall on Keith Rowlands, the first paid IRFB secretary, whose appointment has been ratified. He and Bob Stuart, of New Zealand, are to produce a five-year development plan for the game, one of whose basic tenets will be definition of the needs of the emerging nations. During this last week

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another 13 countries — Belgium, Denmark, Ivory Coast, Malaysia, Morocco, Netherlands, Poland, Spain, Sweden, Taiwan, Tunisia, Western Samoa and Yugoslavia — were accepted as associate members, joining the existing nine.

The inaugural tournament left a surplus of more than $2 million, much of which will go to the host countries for costs already incurred. But the board is confident that, before the next World Cup, there will be considerable commercial interest to help defray costs.

There has been no change in the tours' schedule; therefore, the first British Lions visit exclusively to Australia next year for a 13-match tour remains in place. However, the board expressed concern at the movement of players between the two hemispheres.

It has introduced, with immediate effect, a directive that no player may play for a team of another country during his own closed season for 12 weeks following his last match for his regular club. Moreover, the respective unions of each country must agree on individuals appearing overseas.

There has been concern, not only at the number of New Zealand and South African players appearing in various parts of Europe, but Fijians and Tongans playing in New Zealand. Ronnie Dawson, chairman of the tours' committee, said: "There are often rumours of contracts made between clubs and players of another union, and this is considered undesirable."

● Other major points:

1. Restrictions lifted on South Africa, who can approach overseas unions to invite players to appear in celebration matches.

2. No change to make amateur regulations retrospective for writing books or broadcasting, but individual unions may apply to the board for reinstatement "in certain circumstances" given the passing of a specific period of time.

3. Laws amended to increase free kicks at the expense of penalties, to clarify the tackle law, to forbid penalty place-kicks to touch and restrict the wheeling of scrums.

Allen to France in £1m signing

By Dennis Signy

Clive Allen, the Tottenham Hotspur and England centre forward, who has been involved in transfers totalling more than £3 million, is to join Bordeaux, the French league champions, for the start of next season.

Bordeaux have agreed a fee of £1 million with Spurs and Allen, who is named in the squad for today's home game against Nottingham Forest at White Hart Lane, yesterday agreed personal terms with officials of the French club in London. He will travel to Bordeaux in the next two to three weeks and the signing formalities will then be completed.

Allen, aged 26, comes to the end of his contract with Tottenham at the end of this season, and the first indication that he was likely to move on came last week when Terry Venables, his manager, discussed a possible exchange deal with Chelsea involving Kerry Dixon.

When Allen joins Bordeaux he will follow Glenn Hoddle and Mark Hateley, his England colleagues, to France. The league's leading scorer last season with 49 goals, he has indicated for a while that a move abroad at the end of his contract might help his career.

He has been linked with clubs in Italy and West Germany.

Allen, the son of Les Allen, the former Spurs and Chelsea player and Queen's Park Rangers manager, made his name as a goal-scorer with Rangers. He was transferred to Arsenal for £1.2 million in 1980, but moved on to Crystal Palace to join Venables two months later, in a player-exchange deal involving Kenny Sansom, without playing a league game for the Gunners.

Allen later returned to Rangers, again signed by Venables, in an exchange deal involving Steve Wicks, and was sold for the second time by Rangers in 1984, joining Spurs for £725,000.

His goal-scoring feats last season earned him the Footballer of the Year title and the Professional Footballers Association Player of the Year Award, but this season Allen has not been as impressive and has scored only 13 times.

● Chris Waddle has promised the England manager, Bobby Robson, he will be fit for the European championship finals in West Germany.

Waddle has been out of action for a month after undergoing a double hernia operation, but he said yesterday: "I'll be ready to play in Germany."

The Spurs midfield player has been limited to 21 club matches this season because he also damaged an ankle playing for England in the September defeat by West Germany.



Set fair: Norman swinging serenely along before tangling with the infamous 17th hole

Norman fails to make it off infamous floating platform

From Mitchell Platts, Ponte Vedra, Florida

The infamous 17th hole claimed another victim in Greg Norman as the second round of The Players Championship unfolded on the Stadium course in brilliant sunshine here yesterday.

Norman began at the 10th hole, moved to the top of the leader board with two birdies in his first three holes but lost his momentum by hitting his ball into the water at the 17th. Norman had scored 66 in the first round but subsequently handed in the 74 so with a 36-hole aggregate of 140 he was three shots behind Mike Reid, of the United States, who attached a 69 to his opening 68 to take the early half-way lead with a seven-under par score of 137.

The island green of the 17th hole resembles a floating platform as it sits surrounded by water save for the narrow path along which the players walk to reach it. A firm, authoritative shot will usually find the target but the hole becomes increasingly intimidating when the wind is swirling around as it was yesterday.

Norman, however, struck an altogether indifferent shot. He watched the ball plunge into the water and he walked disconsolately to the dropping zone where he safely negotiated the shot across the water. Even so, he knew that the short holes, and in particular the 17th, had sabotaged his attempt to take the lead. He had already dropped a shot at the 13th where he took three putts and he frittered away another at the third — his 12th — by leaving his tee shot short of the green.

Sandy Lyle, playing alongside Norman, was always fighting a losing battle following his disappointing first round of 77. Fortune has not favoured him over the two days and so for the third time in four visits here he made a premature departure. Lyle, however, is impressed by the course and he can play it as he showed by winning this tournament 12 months ago although it is not everybody's cup of tea.

Severiano Ballesteros aired his feelings following a first round of 76, insisting that the design of the course is good only for robot-style golf, and Mac O'Grady, who won the Tournament of Champions last year, said after a 79, that he will not return.

That is O'Grady's privilege and Ballesteros, limited by the US PGA Tour rules to making only five appearances on the circuit, may opt in future to exclude this tournament from his schedule. The US Tour proudly proclaims that The Players Championship has the strongest field in golf and that would not be the case if Ballesteros was absent.

The Spaniard was a late starter, along with Ian Woosnam and Nick Faldo, yesterday and it seemed that all three players would be required to break the par of 72 in order to survive. Woosnam and Faldo had scored 74 and 75 respectively in the first round. Ken Brown faced a tougher ordeal following his opening round of 77 although he gave himself a glimmer of hope by playing the first nine in 34 with the assistance of four birdies.

Card of course

Hole	Yds	Par	Hole	Yds	Par
1	388	4	10	395	4
2	511	5	11	529	5
3	162	3	12	336	4
4	360	4	13	172	3
5	454	4	14	438	4
6	381	4	15	426	4
7	439	4	16	497	5
8	215	3	17	132	3
9	582	5	18	440	4
Out	3,492	36	In	3,365	36

Total yardage: 6,857 Par: 72

EARLY LEADING SECOND ROUND SCORES (US unless stated): 137: M Reid, 68, 69. 138: M Hatalsky, 70, 68; D Pohl, 69, 69. 139: C Byrum, 68, 73; C Peete, 70, 69. 140: E Fiori, 67, 73; G Norman (Aus), 66, 74. Other: 152: A Lyle (GB), 79, 73.

END COLUMN

Morocco mirrors progress in Africa

From David Miller
Rabat, Morocco

In 1974 I attended the African football championship in Egypt. After spending 36 hours in Cairo obtaining accreditation, visiting various offices from which the man with the necessary authority was always absent, I arrived in Alexandria to watch Zaire, Scotland's opponents in the forthcoming World Cup. My accreditation got me a seat in a deck chair on the touch-line next to the man with the sponge. Groucho Marx must have been chairman of the organizing committee.

A formal luncheon had been served, on the opposite side of town, commencing only one hour before kick-off. After the soup, upon the insistent demands of several European journalists, we left the meal for the match. The enduring memory is of the chief Press steward gathering armfuls of abandoned lambchops in a napkin, which he then clasped under one arm while with the other he waved the oncoming traffic out of the way as he directed the Press bus down the wrong side of the street through crowded bazaars. We made it: the match, of course, started late.

A World Cup final tournament in Africa was then unimaginable, but times have changed. Tomorrow's final here, in the Mohammed V stadium, between Cameroon and Nigeria concludes the XVI African Nations Cup hosted by Morocco with an efficiency at least equal in some aspects to the World Cup in Chile or Argentina.

Bidding for the 1994 World Cup

Morocco is bidding, as Africa's first contender, for the World Cup of 1994, alongside Brazil and the United States. While it cannot be pretended that the ambitious Arabs would stage a five-star tournament, it would certainly be three or even four-star. That is some achievement. It is unlikely that Morocco will be preferred at the decision in Zurich on July 4, but the credibility of African football has been substantially enhanced by this tournament and by Morocco's justifiable self-confidence.

King Hassan II is the main initiator. He has had two meetings with the FIFA president in the past year, and has guaranteed that Morocco will find the necessary finance. The King is inordinately wealthy, and his promise should be taken seriously. Although rural Morocco is still biblically primitive, its major cities are developing fast. The ambitiousness of the project nevertheless remains slightly formidable.

Only two suitable stadiums exist: in Casablanca, and the one here built and donated by the Chinese. The King has said that nine others will be built. The telecommunication system is to be modernized in a deal with Canada. A leasing contract of technical equipment is planned with a French company. There have been 400 journalists at the present championship, with, for the first time, a system of Press centres masterminded by Fekrou Kidane, an Ethiopian exile based in Paris.

Full support from African nations

Abdeladif Semlali, the Minister of Sport, is confident he can handle 2,500 journalists for the World Cup as well as 24 teams. Although Morocco has withdrawn from the Organization of African Unity, they have total African backing. Semlali is perhaps a shade over-optimistic in expecting that Africa and Morocco's other friends will produce a majority among FIFA's executive of 21.

"If FIFA makes a political rather than a football decision, they should still choose Morocco, which would be an historic accomplishment for FIFA," Semlali says.

Semlali says FIFA should avoid distinction between rich and poor. True enough. FIFA has an obligation to support football as well as commercial advantage: though it would be doing both in giving the World Cup to America.

Morocco's case is worthy, but they must avoid embarrassing mishaps. At last week's opening ceremony, only two of nine skydivers landed in the stadium, and one of those was suspended for 20 minutes when snagged on a floodlight pylon. All matches have started late, and the organizing committee was unwisely over an hour late for a meeting with João Havelange.

Appeal is needed for Oval

The future of the Oval could rest on the success of a public appeal this summer after the government's refusal to give the ground a £1 million urban development grant last year. Though negotiations on sponsorship are still going on and no final decision will be taken until next month, it is now seen as the only realistic way of making up the shortfall in the £5 million rebuilding programme.

"We still need £1 million and the problem is that with 10 per cent inflation in the building industry, the amount is rising all the time. It seems inevitable that we will have to make an appeal," Raman Subba Row said yesterday.

● BRISBANE: Ian Botham, fined for assault and offensive behaviour during an internal Australian flight, appeared before a preliminary inquiry into the incident by the Queensland Cricket Association (QCA) yesterday and said he was given a "fair hearing"

Halifax have fight on their hands

By Keith Macklin

It is hard to believe that in the matter of a few weeks Humberside's base metal has been turned into gold. Hull go into today's Rugby League Silk Cut challenge cup semi-final with Halifax at Headingley on a wave of confidence, despite the fact that they were derisively written off when the semi-final draw was made.

Hull beat Halifax in a championsip game, and then last Sunday shocked Wigan by scoring a last-minute try to beat the Wembley favourites and take two more vital anti-relegation points.

Halifax know that they have a fight on their hands. Their Australian coach, Chris Anderson, is glad of it, because his fear was that his players would become too complacent. Today's game, if Hull's momentum continues, will be a hard fought affair and a look at the Hull squad reveals the power on Humberside which has lain dormant until the past few weeks.

In the back division are four men who have played in Wembley finals and scored tries on the famous turf. Wilby Leuluai, and O'Hara have touched down for Hull, while Dick, the street-wise and pugnacious scrum half, scored in a final for Leeds. In addition Hull have flown over the Australian, from Balmain, Scott Gale and he will play at centre, with Leuluai as substitute back. This is a big risk by Hull, but it could come off.

Against this Halifax have a side just coming to top form at the right time. They have set out their stall to go to Wembley again and in full back Graham Eadie, tipped as their next coach, and forward Paul Dixon, they have two of the outstanding players of the season. There is pace and skill throughout the team, prompted by the lively half-back Grogan, and they can play exhilarating rugby.

English spoken here.

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Corrupt judges face life ban

Rome (Agencies) — Eight members of Italy's national athletics association (FIDAL) could be suspended for life from officiating at sports events after rigging the result of the long jump at the world championships here last year.

The Italian Olympic Committee (CONI), concluding a three-month investigation, announced that the distance of 8.38 metres awarded to Giovanni Evangelisti on his last jump "was not the one actually reached by the Italian athlete."

Punishments will be decided by FIDAL's federal council, probably during the first week of April. Primo Nebiolo, FIDAL's president who also heads the International Amateur Athletic Federation (IAAF), said the tribunal "will take into full consideration" the results of the inquiry.

Cheating in sport is not considered a crime and Italian judges who recently investigated the case ruled there were no grounds for issuing criminal charges. Those involved included line judges who measured jumps at Rome's Olympic stadium as well as Luciano Barra, general secretary of FIDAL, and Enzo Rossi, technical director of the national track and field team.

The falsified measure allowed Evangelisti to snatch the bronze from the American, Larry Myricks, who finished fourth with 8.33 metres. Evangelisti, considered one of the best European jumpers, was not accused of any wrongdoing. He repeatedly claimed that he was unaware of any irregularity during the event and that he was ready to hand back his medal.

Television films showed that Italian judges put the marker in the sand before Evangelisti jumped.

Holt refuses to discuss Budd until IAAF talks

From Pat Butcher, Athletics Correspondent, Auckland

The International Amateur Athletic Federation (IAAF) has put an embargo on further discussion of the Zola Budd affair until, in the words of John Holt, IAAF general secretary, "her case is heard at the next council meeting in London on April 15 and 16".

Holt refused to answer questions on Budd at a pre-world championship Press conference here yesterday, saying that the matter was sub-judice, a claim as ridiculous as the charge that Budd is taking part in a meeting in South Africa, even if she turns up as a spectator.

The British Board said yesterday that it had finally received notice from the IAAF that Budd is suspended, but Holt reiterated that she is "withdrawn pending investigation, and *not* suspended".

But the strong probability that the IAAF is now going to ban Budd for good was welcomed by the organizers of Halt All Racist Tours (HART) here. Dick Cuthbert said yesterday: "We began our campaign against Budd with two objectives in mind; one to stop her coming here, and two, to break her career; and I think we've won both."

Zola's coach, John Bryant said: "Zola was nothing more than a spectator at the meeting and if that constitutes breaking the rules then it is a new rule she has broken."

SPORT IN BRIEF

Joughin fined

Steve Joughin, the professional cyclist, yesterday lost his appeal against a charge of acting in a manner prejudicial to the sport when he orally agreed a contract with one sponsor for this season but later signed for the Ever Ready squad.

The original fine of £1,000 levied on him was reduced to £150 by the British Cycling Federation.

Fighting fit

The former world heavyweight champion, John Tate, could be barred from boxing Noel Quarless, of Liverpool, on March 30 at York Hall if the British Boxing Board of Control is not satisfied about his fitness.

Real fined

Zurich (AP) — Real Madrid, have been fined SwFr19,000 for unsportsmanlike conduct by UEFA.



Foreman: avoiding tactics

Foreman out

Las Vegas (AP) — Bob Arum, the promoter, has said that George Foreman has been dropped from a June 6 promotion because he refuses to meet any credible opponents.

High takings

Yorkshire have taken £94,000 in advanced bookings for the Cornhill Test between England and the West Indies at Headingley in July and £56,000 for the Texaco Trophy game.

Kelly wins

Sean Kelly, of Ireland, won the Catalan cycling week race yesterday after coming third in the 164km fifth and final stage at Andorra la Vella. The stage was won by Inaki Gaston, of Spain.

Monk's award

Nome, Alaska (AP) — Leslie Anne Monk, of England, won the less-than-coveted "Red Lantern" award yesterday for finishing last in the 1,150-mile Iditarod trail sled dog race. She crossed the finishing line in the Anchorage-to-Nome race in 45th place. Seven of the original 52 entries were forced to drop out.

Bowing out

Martin Northard plays his last Rugby Union match for Nottingham against Cardiff at Beeston today. The centre, aged 31, has decided to retire and has chosen this first meeting against the Welsh side for his farewell appearance.

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Lancashire legionnaire

Auckland — It was permissible, even laudable, to run away from women to join the Foreign Legion (Pat Butcher writes). But the reputation did not get enhanced by running away from opponents. That is, until cross-country became part of the training programme.

And, true to another tradition, the best of the running legionnaires was a Brit, until he took out French citizenship, and made the team of his adopted nation for the world cross-country championships here in New Zealand.

Steve Tunstall comes from Preston and speaks French with a Lancastrian accent. But he did not speak the language at all when he enlisted in the Legion just over four years ago, after two years' training in the British Army Reserves.

"I just went over to Paris to a recruiting centre. I could not speak any French, and I just took a chance. I think everyone joins the Legion for adventure and travel to foreign lands, and I was no different," he said at his Auckland hotel.

Tunstall, aged 23, saw his share of foreign countries before going to base in Corsica, and being persuaded to run cross-country. Coached by his company lieutenant, he immediately won the French military championships, and has repeated the feat for the last three years. But athletic success got him transferred to Fontainebleu, and the Inter-Army Sports School, where he is now coached by Jacques Darras, the French marathon coach.